

Non-instructional Operations**DAMAGES TO SCHOOL PROPERTY****I. Authority of School Board for Collection**

The School Board is authorized under Florida Statute 741.24 to collect for damages from the parents of children under eighteen years of age, living with the parents who maliciously or willfully destroy school property. The amount of recovery is limited to \$2,500 regardless of amount of damage.

II. Procedure for Collection

The following procedure shall be used in collecting for damages to school property:

- A. In all cases of malicious or willful destruction of school property, the possibility of recovery shall be investigated prior to filing of any suit by the Board to collect for damages. Such investigation shall be conducted through the Special Investigative Unit of the school system.
- B. For claims amounting to less than \$50, attempts to collect damages shall be made by the Special Investigative Unit through the use of collection letters. When efforts to make collection through use of collection letters are unsuccessful, the Special Investigative Unit shall certify such claim as not feasible for collection and shall close the file thereon, reporting same to the Board through the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.
- C. In the event that claims larger than \$50 are determined for all intents and purposes to be uncollectible, even though judgment might be obtained if suit were filed, such claims shall be reported to the Board through the Office of the Superintendent of Schools with recommendation not to file suit.

Specific Authority: 230.22(2) F.S.

Law Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: 230.22(5); 741.24 F.S.

History: THE SCHOOL BOARD OF DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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