

## **CARE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY BY STUDENTS**

### I. Student Respect for District Property: School Response to Damage to School Property

The Berlin Central School District Board of Education establishes that students shall show respect for the real and personal property of the District, and shall care for said property. The Board further establishes that students who purposely, knowingly, or recklessly damage or destroy District property may be disciplined for said behavior.

### II. District Property Described

As used herein, the term "real and personal property of the District" shall be understood to include the grounds, buildings, textbooks and library books and other media, vital records, curriculum-related materials, electronic equipment, computer and office supplies, furniture, building fixtures, tools and equipment, vehicles, and other personal property that is owned, leased, rented, or otherwise duly in the possession or control of the District.

### III. Legal Proceedings to Recover Damages

Pursuant to the relevant provisions of the General Obligations Laws, the Board of Education shall, at its discretion, institute legal proceedings to recover damages of up to the statutorily authorized amount from the parent or guardian of any person more than ten years of age and less than 18 years of age who willfully, maliciously, or unlawfully damages or destroys real or personal property owned or maintained by the District, or who steals property owned or maintained by the District.

### IV. Reward for Information

As authorized by the General Obligations Laws, the Board of Education shall, at its discretion, offer a monetary award of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons for felonies or misdemeanors directly related to vandalism of District property.

### References

Education Law Sec. 1604(38), 1709(38)  
General Obligations Law Sec. 3-112