

## **BUILDING AND GROUNDS SECURITY**

The patrons of the school district have provided the district with facilities for the education of their youth through the support of their tax dollars. It is the responsibility of the Board of Education, administration, professional and support staff members, and students to see that these facilities are cared for, used properly and treated with respect. The superintendent, with the counsel of the administrative staff, will establish procedures for the proper use of school facilities to guard against damage or loss of school property by theft, vandalism or misuse. These procedures will include preventive measures, as well as clear steps to follow when school property has been taken or damaged.

The superintendent and the administrative staff will see that all professional and support staff know and respond to the proper procedures for the use and care of school property and report correctly when property has been taken or damaged.

Access to school buildings and grounds outside regular school hours will be granted only to authorized personnel. An adequate key control system shall be established that will prevent the potential entrance of unauthorized persons.

All records of existing or proposed security systems and structural plans for property owned or leased by the district will be considered closed to the extent that disclosure would threaten public safety, as allowed by law. The public interest in nondisclosure outweighs the public interest in disclosure because the disclosure of these records would impair the district's ability to protect the security or safety of persons or real property.

When special events or activities are scheduled, the principal may request permission from the superintendent to employ special law enforcement services to give extra help in protecting school property.

### **Firearms and Other Weapons**

No person shall carry a firearm, a concealed weapon or any other weapon readily capable of lethal use into any school, onto any school transportation or onto the premises of any function or activity sponsored or sanctioned by the district, except for authorized law enforcement officials. Adults and students may possess weapons on school property for the limited purpose of facilitating or participating in a school-sanctioned firearm-related event, as long as the weapons are not concealed and the weapons are not carried onto school transportation or onto the premises of any other school or school-sponsored activity. School officials are prohibited from authorizing any person to bring weapons on school property or to school activities, including concealed weapons, beyond the exceptions stated in this policy.

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Any person who possesses a weapon in violation of this policy will be asked to leave. In addition, district administrators may report the incident to law enforcement officials, ban the person from school property or school events in accordance with policy KK or seek other legal remedies. Possession of weapons by students is governed by policy JFCJ and regulation JG-R.

### **Vandalism**

The Board shall seek all legal redress against persons found to have committed incidents of willful or malicious abuse, destruction, defacing and/or theft of the property of the Lathrop R-II School District.

District patrons, students and members of the staff are urged by the Board to cooperate in reporting incidents of vandalism to property belonging to the district, as well as the name(s) of the person or persons believed to be responsible.

Students found guilty of taking or willfully defacing or injuring personal property of students and staff, shall pay for damages caused thereby and may be suspended, expelled or reported to juvenile authorities as provided by law. The school district will not be held responsible for the compensation of personal items of students or staff that may be lost, injured or stolen.

The superintendent and/or principal shall be authorized to sign a complaint, press charges and pursue civil action against perpetrators of vandalism to school property. Restitution for the damages caused will be sought from such persons -- or, in the case of minors, from their parents/guardians -- under the laws of this state. Students found guilty of willfully defacing or injuring any school property shall pay for the damages caused thereby and may be suspended or expelled as provided by law.

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***Note: The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.***

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Cross Refs: BDC, Closed Meetings, Records and Votes  
JFCJ, Weapons in School  
JGD, Student Suspension and Expulsion

KG, Community Use of School Facilities  
KK, Visitors to School Property/Events

Legal Refs: §§ 168.201, 171.011, 177.031, 211.181, .185, .188, 537.045, 571.030, .094,  
574.085, 610.021, RSMo.

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