

The board strives to maintain the school system's facilities in good condition in order to:

1. continue to provide a safe, orderly, and inviting educational environment;
2. protect financial investments in the facility;
3. reduce the need for major repair; and
4. facilitate the conservation of energy resources.

All staff, students, and visitors to the school are expected to use reasonable care to prevent property damage. Principals and teachers are to instruct students in the proper care of public property. Anyone who willfully or carelessly damages school property may be held financially liable, as provided by law, including G.S. 115C-523.

Principals must inspect their school buildings for health, fire, and safety hazards on a regular basis and as required by law. Any employee who observes a potential hazard shall notify his or her supervisor or the principal immediately. Students also should be encouraged to report any dangerous conditions. The principal shall notify the superintendent or designee immediately of unsanitary conditions or repairs needed to meet safety standards and, working closely with the system-wide safety coordinator, shall take the necessary steps to correct any unsanitary or unsafe conditions. When necessary, proper signs indicating potential hazards or recommended safety precautions must be posted.

The maintenance department shall make reasonable efforts to maintain the facilities in good condition and to make needed repairs.

The superintendent is directed to ensure that facilities are evaluated and inspected in accordance with the facilities inventory as provided in policy 9000, Planning to Address Facility Needs.

Legal References: G.S. 1-538.1; 115C-40, -47, -276(c), -288(f), -307(h), -523, -524

Cross References: School Safety (policy 1510/4200/7270), Planning to Address Facility Needs (policy 9000)

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