

STUDENTS DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS

Students are responsible for taking proper care of all property used by them and/or distributed to them by the school. This includes but is not limited to textbooks, uniforms, athletic equipment, lab equipment computer and applied technology equipment, and other school property. Teachers and school staff will keep records of property issued to students during each semester, athletic season or school year. Students must return school property, in satisfactory condition, when requested by school personnel to do so. Returned property cannot be accounted for unless it is returned to the proper staff member to be checked off. Students are responsible for settling all debts to the school no later than the end of the semester of the course or athletic season in question. Debts may include but are not limited to library fines, school cafeteria charges, technology fees, any fees required as a prerequisite to a participation in a particular course, and debts owed due to the loss, damage or destruction of school property.

Current students in grades 5-12, who fail to return school property and/or pay debts owed to the school, shall be denied school privileges, including but not limited to participation in extracurricular activities, athletic and academic teams, school dances and graduation exercises, until debts are paid and/or property is returned in satisfactory condition.

If reimbursement is not forthcoming within a reasonable time then:

The ongoing debts may be referred to the assessors of the town in which the student resides to be included in the next municipal tax of the parent for the cost of the school property owed; or

Payment for damage to school property may be recovered in a civil action to obtain the permitted "double the damage."

The superintendent shall see that students and parents are notified annually of their responsibilities under this policy, such as by publication in pupil/parent handbooks.

Legal reference 20-A M.R.S.A. §§ 6805-6807

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