

## **STUDENTS DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

### **A. Care of School Property**

Students are responsible for the proper care of school property. School property includes, but is not limited to, any building, structure, athletic playing field, playground or land contained within the real property boundary line of the school in addition to property lent to the student which may include, but is not limited to:

- Textbooks
- Library books
- Uniforms
- Athletic equipment
- Lab equipment
- District technology (including I-Pads, tablets, laptops and other devices issued to students. (RSU 9 policy IJNDB-R)

The student is responsible for the proper care of school property in their possession at all times, whether on or off school property.

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.

### **B. Student Debt**

Students and their parents are responsible for compensating the school unit for any losses, costs, or damages, beyond normal wear, to school property lent to the student.

Students and their parents 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. Student debt may include, but is not limited to:

- Library fines
- School cafeteria charges
- Technology fees
- Fees required as a prerequisite to a participation in a particular course
- 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

Cross reference: CHCA Student Handbooks  
IJNDB Student Computer and Internet Use  
IJNDB – R Student Computer and Internet Use Rules  
JIC Student Code of Conduct

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