

1 The [Transylvania County Board of Education \(the “board”\)](#) strives to maintain the school
2 system’s facilities in good condition in order to:

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- 4 1. continue to provide a safe, orderly, and inviting educational environment;
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- 6 2. protect financial investments in the facility;
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- 8 3. reduce the need for major repair; and
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- 10 4. facilitate the conservation of energy resources.
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12 The superintendent and director of business services shall develop and implement an Energy
13 Management Plan, which shall be reviewed on an annual basis. The Energy Management Plan
14 shall establish goals that will allow the school system to operate facilities as efficiently as
15 practical and must comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. All
16 students and employees shall be expected to adhere to any applicable requirements set forth in
17 the Energy Management Plan.

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

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24 Principals must inspect their school buildings for health, fire, and safety hazards on a regular
25 basis and as required by law. Principals shall notify the superintendent immediately of
26 unsanitary conditions or repairs needed to meet safety standards. Any employee who observes a
27 potential hazard shall notify his or her supervisor or the principal immediately. Proper signs
28 indicating potential hazards or recommended safety precautions must be posted.

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

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

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

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

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