Creating school environments that support student learning

Providing Fresno Unified School District students with an environment conducive to student learning includes keeping schools free of graffiti. The clean appearance of FUSD schools sends an important message that our facilities play an important role in the success of our students.

Quick graffiti removal is a deterrent

Studies show that removing graffiti within 24 to 48 hours results in nearly a zero rate of reoccurrence. Fresno Unified School District is committed to removing graffiti within four hours of notification.

Working together to deter graffiti

Fresno Unified School District works with parents, neighbors, and community agencies to prevent and mitigate graffiti on schools and district facilities. The district relies on its neighbors to report graffiti and encourages community members to use the 24-hour Graffiti Hotline to report it at 457-3600.

Prevention efforts make an impact

Because the removal of graffiti is a drain on resources, Fresno Unified School District encourages parents to talk to their children about graffiti and its negative effects. Other prevention efforts include the following.

- Making sure community is aware of the problem
- Encourage neighbors, parents, and community members to report graffiti quickly
- Placement of video cameras
- Paint kits issued to each school site to speed up removal
- Quick removal within four hours of notification

At-a-Glance

- Fresno Unified School District is committed to removing graffiti within four hours of notification
- Graffiti removal drains personnel and financial resources
- Fresno Unified has spent nearly $1 million to remove graffiti since March 2004, which is about $20,000 per month
- District maintenance personnel have responded to almost 7,000 graffiti removal requests at schools and district facilities since March 2004
- High schools average twice as much graffiti than elementary schools
- Quick removal of graffiti is one of the biggest deterrents
- Fresno Unified School District relies on reports from neighbors during non-school hours to quickly remove graffiti
- To report graffiti at FUSD schools or facilities, please call the:
  GRAFFITI HOTLINE 457-3600

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