

USE OF COPYRIGHTED MATERIALS

The Board of Education intends and expects that copyright laws will be observed in the District. Specifically, no person shall unlawfully duplicate, reproduce, distribute, or display copyrighted materials in connection with any District-sponsored activity, on District property, or using District equipment or technology resources. In addition, only appropriately licensed software, programs, and applications shall be used with the District's technology resources or to otherwise conduct District programs or operations.

The Board of Education expects all staff members and students to follow applicable legal requirements and District guidelines as to the use of copyrighted materials of all types and formats (including materials in electronic/digital formats). Staff members and students are also expected to actively seek guidance and direction from a library media specialist or from an administrator in the event of any uncertainty regarding the appropriate and lawful use of copyrighted materials.

The Board of Education directs the administration (1) to implement initiatives intended to inform staff members and students about the appropriate use of copyrighted materials; and (2) to promote consistent adherence to applicable requirements and guidelines. District guidelines shall describe the general boundaries of the limited "fair use" exception that is found in the copyright law (e.g., guidelines for staff for the recording and use of broadcast programming for educational purposes) and may include such other information as the administration deems appropriate.

Possible violations of copyright laws occurring within the District may be brought to the attention of the District Administrator who shall then ensure that any confirmed violation is promptly remedied.

Copyright violations can lead not only to District-imposed consequences but also to legal consequences. To the extent consistent with applicable law, a person who commits copyright infringement while using District equipment may incur individual and personal liability for their actions.

Legal Ref: U.S. Copyright Law (Title 17, U.S. Code, Section 101, et. Seq.); 943.70 WSS;
Digital Millennium Copyright Act
Cross Ref: 360.2 Rule Copyright Guidelines for Rice Lake Area School District
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