

## Copyright Compliance

It is the intent of the district to adhere to the provisions of copyright laws in all areas, e.g., print, computer software, audiovisual materials, music, etc. Though there continues to be controversy regarding interpretation of copyright laws, the district's intention is to make known that all district employees shall be expected to adhere to the provisions of law, rules and regulations concerning the use of copyrighted materials. Legal or insurance protection of the district shall not be extended to employees who violate copyright laws.

There shall be made available at the district level as well as the respective building levels information on copyright infringement and "fair use" guidelines for copyrighted materials.

The copyright law of the United States governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material.

Under certain conditions specified in the law, libraries and archives are authorized to furnish a photocopy or other reproduction. One of these specified conditions is that the photocopy or reproduction is not to be "used for any purpose other than private study, scholarship or research." If a user makes a request for or later uses a photocopy or reproduction for purposes in excess of "fair use," that user may be liable for copyright infringement.

The district reserves the right to refuse to accept a copying order if, in its judgment, fulfillment of the order would involve a violation of copyright law.

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LEGAL REF:            17 U.S.C. §101 *et seq.* (*agreement on guidelines for classroom copying in Not-for-Profit Educational Institutions, 3/19/76, printed as H.R. Rep. No 1476, 94<sup>th</sup> Cong., 2d Sess. 81(1976)*)

### CROSS REFS.:

*Administration policies:*

IJL, Library Materials Selection and Adoption

IJNC, Resource Centers/MediaCenters/School Libraries

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