

COMPUTER SOFTWARE COPYRIGHT

It is the intent of Pattonville School District to adhere to the provisions of copyright laws and its computer software licensing agreements. Therefore, in an effort to discourage and prevent any violation of such laws and agreements in the use of computer software:

1. The ethical, legal and practical considerations pertaining to the problem of software piracy will be taught in all schools in the District.
2. District employees will be expected to adhere to the provisions of Section 117 of Title 17 of the United States Code, which allows for the making of a back-up copy of computer programs provided:
 - a. that such a new copy or adaptation is created as an essential step in the utilization of the computer program in conjunction with a machine and that it is used in no other manner, or
 - b. that such a new copy and adaptation is for archival purposes only and that all archival copies are destroyed in the event that continued possession of the computer program should cease to be rightful.
3. District employees will also be expected to adhere to the provisions of the District's computer software licensing agreements.
4. When software is to be used on the network system, efforts will be made to secure this software from copying.
5. Illegal copies of copyrighted programs may not be made or used on school equipment.
6. The District will not be obligated to defend or indemnify any employee who violates copyright laws and it shall have the right to seek indemnification and/or contribution from any such employee whose conduct results in any liability on the part of the District.
7. The Superintendent, or designee, is the only individual who may sign license agreements for computer software upon proper authorization by the Pattonville Board of Education.

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Legal Refs.: U.S. Code, Title XVII, Section 117 (as amended by P.L.96-517, Section 7 (b))