

COMPUTER SOFTWARE COPYRIGHT

The School Board recognizes that computer software piracy is a major problem for the industry, and that violations of computer copyright laws contribute to higher costs and increased efforts to prevent copying and/or lessen incentives for the development of good educational software. It is the intent of the school district to adhere to the provisions of copyright laws affecting microcomputer programs.

In an effort to discourage violation of copyright laws and to prevent such illegal activities, the following steps will be taken:

- 1) The ethical and practical problems caused by software piracy will be taught in all district schools.
- 2) District employees will be expected to adhere to the provisions of state and federal laws regarding computer programs.
- 3) When software is to be used on a disk-sharing system, efforts will be made to secure this software from being copied.
- 4) The legal or insurance protection of the district will not be extended to employees who violate copyright laws.
- 5) The Technology Coordinator is the designated individual in the district who may sign software license agreements for schools in the district.
- 6) The Technology Coordinator is responsible for establishing practices, which will enforce this policy at the school level.

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LEGAL REF.: Sections 943.70(2)[a]5, WI Statutes, PL 96-517, Section 7(b)