

Copyright Law Compliance

The Board of Education (Board) acknowledges the necessity of complying with federal laws governing the use of copyrighted material.

Infringement on copyrighted material, whether prose, poetry, graphic images, music, theatrical performances, video, or computer code, is a serious offense against federal law and contrary to the ethical standards required of staff and students alike. The Board further recognizes that severe penalties for unauthorized copying of audio, visual, or printed materials unless copying falls within the bounds of fair use.

The Board directs the Superintendent to promulgate administrative regulations in furtherance of this policy.

Any Bethany Public School District (District) employee who willingly and knowingly violates the copyright policy and administrative regulations shall be held personally liable for infringement and may be subject to disciplinary action. In no circumstances shall it be necessary for District staff to violate copyright requirements in order to perform their duties properly. Copyrighted materials shall be treated as the property of the copyright holder, with all rights and limitations specified by law.

Legal Reference: Public Law 94-553, Title 17, The Copyright Act of 1976
 17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.

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