

It is the intent of Independent School District 831 to adhere to the provisions of copyright laws in the area of microcomputer programs. Though there continues to be controversy regarding interpretation of these copyright laws, the following procedures represent a sincere effort to operate legally:

1. District employees will be expected to adhere to the provisions of Public Law 96-517, Section 7(b) which amends Section 117 of Title 17 of the United States Code to allow for the making of a backup copy of computer programs. This states that "... it is not an infringement for the owner of a copy of a computer program to make or authorize the making of another copy or adaptation of that computer program provided:
 - a. that such a new copy of 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 continued possession of the computer program should cease to be rightful.
2. Illegal copies of copyrighted programs may not be made or used on school equipment.
3. The Superintendent or his/her designee is the only individual who may sign license agreements for software for schools in the District.
4. The principal of each school site is responsible for establishing practices which will enforce this policy at the school level.

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