

Descriptor Term: COMPUTER SOFTWARE COPYRIGHTS

Descriptor Code: ECK

Rescinds:

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It is the intent of the Gulfport School District to adhere to the provisions of copyright laws as they apply to computer software. It is also the intent of the District to comply with the license agreements and/or policy statements contained in the software packages used in the District. In circumstances where the interpretation of the copyright law is ambiguous, the District will look to the applicable license agreement to determine appropriate use of the software.

In an effort to discourage and/or prevent violation of copyright laws, the District requires that the following guidelines be followed:

1. The Principal and the appropriate staff members of each school and other facility will instruct faculty and staff in the ethical and practical implications of software piracy.
2. District employees will be informed that they are expected to adhere to the District software copyright policy.
3. Under no circumstances will illegal copies of copyrighted software be made on District equipment.
4. Illegally copied software will not be used in District schools or offices.
5. Licensing agreements between copyright holders and the District will be observed.
6. License agreements for all software used in District schools, offices and other facilities will be filed in the office Technology Support Services.
7. Software purchased as a single license or single copy cannot be installed on more than one computer.
8. Written permission or proper licensing from the copyright holder must be obtained before software is used on a network.
9. Software obtained by, and licensed to, the District is for classroom and office use only and cannot be "shared" with other school districts or institutions.