

361.5 - USE OF COPYRIGHTED MATERIALS

The Auburndale School Board endorses the copyright provisions found in the Federal Copyright Law (Title 17, United States Code), which sets the standards for copying print and non-print materials. The following guidelines are provided for all staff members and students so as to enable them to adhere to these provisions.

This policy covers all copyrighted materials used in all District schools including the following:

1. Print and non-print literature; including Internet materials, computer software and other electronic media;
2. Musical and dramatic works; and
3. All audiovisual materials, including electronic copying of broadcast materials.

Under no circumstances shall illegal copies of materials be produced or used within the District.

District owned equipment may not be used to produce or store illegal copies of copyrighted materials.

District employees who violate federal copyright laws are not entitled to legal representation or indemnification under §895.46, Wisconsin Statutes.

Employees who infringe copyrights will be personally responsible. The penalties for infringement of copyright laws include an injunction to stop infringement, payment of actual damages suffered by the copyright owner, an assessment of statutory damages, payment of costs and attorneys' fees, impoundment of copies during the pendency of an infringement suite, and destruction of copies as part of the court's final judgment.

The school administration is directed to provide appropriate notice and inservice education for all staff to gain needed compliance with the provisions of this policy and related rules. The school administration is responsible for enforcing District copyright policy.

*Legal Reference: Wisconsin Statutes 895.46
Federal Copyright Law (U.S. Code – Title 17)*

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