



Clark County School District **Acceptable Use Policy** **Copyrighted Material Updates**

Background

Over the past year, the Clark County School District (CCSD) has continually received copyright infringement notifications with warnings that CCSD users are either illegally downloading, using, or hosting (on CCSD infrastructure) copyright/pirated software or media. Such activities incur undue risk for the District, including the potential of lawsuits if the District does not handle such notifications properly. In each case thus far, the Technology and Information Systems Services (TISS) Division has investigated and taken remediation actions. However, in reviewing various District policies, we determined that the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) did not explicitly prohibit this type of behavior. In collaboration with the Office of the General Counsel, the following language was developed to be added to the AUP to ensure it is abundantly clear that such activity is prohibited.

Language Additions

D. Illegal Activities

7. The download, use, hosting, or distribution of copyrighted material and software is illegal and prohibited on the District's computer network resources unless it falls within an exception to the use of copyrighted materials.

E. Intellectual Property (Copyright)

2. No copyrighted material (including music, games, videos, and software) may be hosted or distributed within or from the District's computer network resources without written permission from the Copyright owner and must be approved by TISS unless it falls within an exception to the use of copyrighted materials.

F. Software

4. Use of unapproved file-sharing software or resources, including cloud storage websites, torrent sites, and other peer-to-peer options is prohibited.

Please see the [Acceptable Use Policy](#) on the District website for the full AUP with the changes.

Exceptions

Please refer to [Exceptions for Use Of Copyrighted Materials](#) for more information.

Contact Information

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