

USE OF COPYRIGHTED MATERIAL

It is the intent of the School Board to adhere to the provisions of the current copyright laws and fair use guidelines.

The Board recognizes that unlawful copying fosters an attitude of disrespect for law which is in conflict with the educational goals of the Goffstown School District. Additionally, misuse of copyrighted materials contributes to higher costs of materials, and lessens the incentive to develop quality instructional materials.

The Board directs that school district employees adhere to Title 17 of the United States Code, entitled "Copyrights", and other relative federal legislation and guidelines related to the duplication, retention and use of copyrighted instructional materials.

Unlawful copies of copyrighted materials may not be produced on school-owned equipment. Unlawful copies of copyrighted materials may not be used with school-owned equipment, within school-owned facilities, or at school-sponsored functions.

The legal protection of the school district will not be extended to employees who unlawfully copy and/or unlawfully use copyrighted materials.

Employees who make and/or use copyrighted materials are expected to be familiar with published provisions regarding fair use. Under the "fair use" doctrine, unauthorized reproduction of copyrighted materials is permissible for such purposes as criticism, comment, news reporting, teaching, scholarship or research.

Legal Reference:

US Code Title XVII, Public Law 94-533, United States Copyright Law of 1976

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