

District Copyright Policy

Copyright Laws and Licensing

Policy 1995 8350 - Instruction Subject: Use of Microcomputer Software

It is the intent of the Wayland-Cohocton Central School District to adhere to the provisions of copyright laws in the area of microcomputer programs. Therefore, in an effort to discourage violation of copyright laws and to prevent such illegal activities the following procedures represent a sincere effort to operate legally.

Unless otherwise authorized by the software developer, the District, including the students or employees, does not have the right to reproduce software except for archival purposes. According to the United States Copyright Law (Title 17, United States Code, Sections 101, et seq.), illegal reproduction of software can result in civil damages and criminal penalties including fines and imprisonment. Illegal copies of copyrighted programs may not be made or used on school equipment.

Wayland-Cohocton Central School employees learning of any misuse of software or related documentation within the District shall notify his/her immediate supervisor or building principal.

Any student in the District who is aware of any misuse of any software or electronic communication system shall notify his/her teacher or building principal.

Administrators who are aware of any abuse/misuse shall notify the Superintendent or his/her designee and appropriate disciplinary action shall occur based on the circumstances and in accordance with all applicable laws, bargaining agreements, and District policies and regulations including the School's Student Disciplinary Code.

The legal or insurance protection of Wayland-Cohocton Central School will not be extended to employees who violate copyright laws.

This policy will be disseminated to all District staff and students. The ethical and practical problems caused by software piracy will be taught in the WCCS buildings.

Title 17, United States Code
(U.S.C.) Sections 101, et seq.

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