

Instruction

Use of Copying Devices

Publication or Creation of Educational Materials -- Copyrights: Printing and Duplication

It is the policy of the New Milford Board of Education to acknowledge and abide by the federal Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. 101 et seq.

Copyright is a form of legal protection provided to authors of “original works of authorship,” including literary, dramatic, musical, artistic, and certain other intellectual works. By law, the owner of a copyright is entitled to distribute, perform, display, sell, lend, rent, reproduce, and create derivative works from original works of authorship that are fixed in a tangible medium. The protection applies to published and unpublished works. It is illegal for anyone to violate the rights of the copyright owner by copying, displaying, distributing, performing, selling, lending, renting, reproducing, or creating derivative works of the original work without the authorization of the copyright owner. There are exceptions to the requirement for authorization such as the “fair use” doctrine, which includes certain educational purposes.

The Board of Education expects all students and staff to act in accordance with the Copyright Law when using school copying devices or working with copied materials. Failure to observe this policy and applicable administrative regulations may subject individuals to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from school or termination of employment.

The Superintendent of Schools shall develop administrative regulations pursuant to this policy to provide guidance to assist school staff and students to comply with the requirements of the Copyright Law.

Legal Reference: 17 U.S.C. 101 et seq. Copyright Act of 1976

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