

COPYRIGHT COMPLIANCE

It is the intent of the Brunswick School Department to adhere to the provisions of copyright laws in the use of any materials subject to such laws. Though there continues to be controversy regarding the interpretation of such laws, this policy and the procedures associated with it represent a sincere effort to operate legally. In an effort to discourage violation of copyright laws and prevent such illegal activities:

- I. All employees will be expected to adhere to the provisions of United States Codes restricting copying of computer software, printer materials and visual materials which may legally take place.
- II. Illegal copies of copyrighted materials may not be made or used on school equipment.
- III. The “basics” of the copyright laws and related ethical and practical issues shall be taught to students in the system.
- IV. The Superintendent of Schools is designated as the only individual who may sign license agreements for computer software for schools in the system.
- V. The Superintendent of Schools, Building Principals and other staff designated by them shall provide information to staff to assist them in understanding the limitations of the copyright laws.

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Related Materials: *General Guide to the Copyright Act of 1976*

Statutory Reference: *Public Law 96-517-76*

Public Law 94-553

ERS Information Aid: *“The New Copyright Law & Education”*