

Copyright Compliance

In recognition of Public Law 94-553 and Public Law 96-517, an amendment to Public Law 94-553, the Eagle County School District Re50J will take the necessary steps to ensure that the guidelines established by Congress for "fair use" by educational institutions are followed.

In accordance with this policy, it shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent (*or his/her designee*) to inform the District staff of the law and these guidelines. The principal of each school site is responsible for establishing practices for the building which will enforce this policy at the building level.

Any person violating copyright laws and/or established guidelines shall personally assume the responsibility by virtue of this School District policy.

REGULATIONS:

1. Eagle County School District employees may reproduce copyrighted materials under the provisions of the copyright laws currently in force under Title 17 of the United States Code.
2. Any reproduction of copyrighted materials will be done either with the written permission of the copyright holder or within the bounds of "Fair Use" guidelines provided in the Copyright Act; otherwise, the individual responsible for reproduction may be liable for infringing the copyright under existing laws.
3. A willful infringement of the law by an Eagle County School District employee may result in disciplinary action. In the case of a court action for damages, a finding of willful infringement would preclude the Eagle County School District paying any judgment rendered against the employee, paying any attorney's fees or costs which the employee would incur in conjunction with a lawsuit, and may render the employee liable to the School District for any damages which the School District is liable to pay.
4. The Eagle County School District reserves the right to copyright educational materials developed by District employees who are paid to conduct a specific project or given release time at District expense to conduct a specific project. Non-District employees who are paid by the District to develop materials are also covered by this policy.

Educational materials shall include but are not limited to written, audio visual, or manipulative materials intended for use by administrators, teachers, or students.

5. In no case shall any District employee or student use District equipment for duplication which would prevent or circumvent the sale of copyrighted materials.

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