

NORTHERN LEBANON SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: SOFTWARE COPYRIGHT/
COMPUTER USE

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<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">814.1 SOFTWARE COPYRIGHT/COMPUTER USE</p> <p>It is the intent of the district to adhere to the provisions of copyright laws in the area of microcomputer programs. Though there continues to be controversy regarding interpretation of those copyright laws, the following procedures represent a sincere effort to operate legally. We recognize that computer software piracy is a major problem for the industry and that violations of computer copyright laws contribute to higher costs and greater efforts to prevent copies and/or lessen incentives for the development of effective educational uses of microcomputers. Therefore, in an effort to discourage violation of copyright laws and to prevent such illegal activities the following guidelines will be observed.</p> <p><u>Software Copyright</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. District employees will be expected to adhere to the provisions of Public Law 96-517, Section 7(b) which amends Section 117 of Title 17 of the United States Code to allow for the making of a back-up copy of computer programs. This states that "...it is not an infringement for the owner of a copy of a computer program to make or authorize the making of another copy or adaptation of that computer program provided: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. That such a new copy or adaptation is created as an essential step in the utilization of the computer program in conjunction with a machine and that it is used in no other manner. b. That such a new copy and adaptation is for archival purposes only and that all archival copies are destroyed in the event that continued possession of the computer program should cease to be rightful." 2. When software is to be used on a disk sharing system, efforts will be made to secure this software from copying. 3. Illegal copies of copyrighted programs may not be made or used on school equipment.
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4. The legal or insurance protection of the district will not be extended to employees who violate copyright laws.
5. The principal of each school site is responsible for establishing practices which will enforce this policy at the school level.

Use of Software on District Computers

It is the policy of the district that no person shall use or cause to be used in microcomputers any software which does not fall into one of the following categories:

1. It is in the public domain.
2. It is covered by a licensing agreement with the software author, authors, vendor or developer, whichever is applicable. Complete Northern Lebanon School District Software Installation Form (Appendix 814.1) and provide a copy to the building principal.
3. It has been donated to the district and a written record of bona fide contribution exists.
4. It has been purchased by the district and a record of a bona fide purchase exists.
5. It has been purchased by the user and a record of a bona fide purchase exists and can be produced by the user upon demand.
6. It is being reviewed or demonstrated by the users in order to reach a decision about possible future purchase or request for contribution or licensing.
7. It has been written or developed by a district employee for the specific purpose of being used in the district.