

School District of Lodi
Use and Duplication of Copyright Materials

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The District directs its staff to comply with the federal copyright law in fulfillment of their employment duties.

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Federal law makes it illegal to duplicate materials without authorization of the holder of the copyright, except for certain exempt purposes. Unauthorized reproduction or use of copyrighted materials by District employees or students is illegal and unethical, and violations of the copyright law may result in criminal penalties, civil suits and/or disciplinary action. Individuals violating provisions of the copyright law or this policy assume all liability for the action.

Guidelines have been developed to help educators interpret copyright law requirements.

“Fair Use” Policy

Videotapes are protected under the federal Copyright Act.

However, under the Act, Ownership rights are limited by several exceptions including the doctrine of “fair use.” Which allows use for “criticism, comment, news reporting, teaching (including multiple copies for classroom use), scholarship or research,” if “use” of the material is “fair”.

Parameters of “fair us” include:

1. purpose and character of the use, including whether such use is of a commercial nature or is for nonprofit educational purposes;
2. nature of the copyrighted work;
3. amount and substantiality of the portion used in relation market for the value of the copyrighted work as a whole
4. effect the use upon the potential market for or value of the copyrighted work.

The School District of Lodi supports US Copyright Laws and the “fair use” doctrine. Guidelines are available in school offices and the instructional materials centers.

References: Procedures for Policy No. 771.1