

SOFTWARE LICENSING

Background

District adheres to vendor software licensing agreements for the use of software in schools and District departments and acknowledges the licensing of software as copyright intellectual property.

Procedures

1. Software placed on school computers must be done so in accordance with the vendor's licensing conditions. Principals and District department heads must have a copy of the license for each corresponding software application.
2. Software purchased under an educational license must be used only on school and District computers or as defined by the license agreement.
3. Principals and District department heads must keep a current record of all software licenses.
4. Where software is purchased by the District for distribution to schools/departments, licensing information will be kept centrally in the District.
5. Where software is upgraded on the original license and placed into use, the original software must not be sold, given away or continued in use unless specifically stated in the licensing agreement.
6. Software no longer in use by schools or departments is to be disposed through removal from all computers.
7. Software disposal may include destruction, selling or giving away the original copy and documentation provided this does not contravene the original licensing agreement.
8. Software licensing documentation must be held securely in the main office and made available to enforcement authorities upon request.
9. "Open Source" or software available under the General Public License (GPL) may be used freely as defined under the GPL.

Reference: Sections 17, 20, 22, 65, 85 School Act
Copyright Act
Copyright Modernization Act

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