

**COPYRIGHT COMPLIANCE**

The Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of protecting the property rights of the owners of copyrighted material. The Board expects its employees and students to adhere to the provisions of the U.S. Copyright Act and Nevada State law. Any willful infringement of these laws will result in disciplinary action.

Computer Copyrights

Only software programs approved by the District's Technology Department may be installed on NCS D workstations. All software, including software downloaded from the Internet, must be pre-approved by and registered with the Technology Department and must include the title, the manufacturer and the license number. (NOTE: Not all free distributions of software off the Internet are authorized by the manufacturer.)

Software may only be installed in the number of computers allowed by the license agreement. Software purchased for District computers may not be installed in home computers nor may software purchased for home use be installed in District computers.

Computer software may not be copied without the permission of the copyright holder. Software may only be copied if making a copy is an essential step in using the software or if the new copy is a backup; backups may not be used if the original is available. The employee installing the pre-approved software is responsible for reading and adhering to the license agreement.

In order to protect the Nye County School District, employees and students from fines or criminal penalties as a result of violations of the federal copyright law, the District may monitor software downloaded on its computers through periodic inventories and a software inventory scan program.

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