

In accordance with goals established in board policy 6500, Goals of Equipment, Materials and Supplies Services, the board and superintendent will strive to make computers available to all students and to personnel who would be assisted by them.

All computers are under the control of the board, including hardware, software and data stored on the computer. District-owned equipment is to be used for purposes which enhance employee productivity or the instructional environment. Only software or files which further these purposes should be loaded on district-owned equipment.

All laws, including copyright laws, will be complied with in the use of computers. Under no circumstance may software purchased by the school district be copied for personal use.

To encourage the effective use of, technology to enhance employee productivity and improve the instructional environment, the superintendent shall develop program guidelines which shall provide the framework for assignment of technology to individual employees and students. Such program guidelines may include provisions for the distribution, use, replacement, maintenance, and collection of district-owned technology. As part of the program guidelines, the Board specifically grants authority to the Superintendent or his or her designee to establish methods to collect payment for district-owned assets not returned to the school system upon employee/student separation. Any such methods shall be in compliance with applicable North Carolina General Statutes.

Legal References: 17 U.S.C. 101, 102, 106, 107, 108, 110, 117; G.S. 115C-523, -524

Cross References: Copyright Compliance (policy 3230/7330), Use of Equipment, Materials and Supplies (policy 6520)

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