

USE OF COPYRIGHTED MATERIALS

It is the intent of the School Board of the Fall Mountain Regional School District to adhere to the provisions of the U.S. copyright law (United States Code, Title 17), and to maintain the highest ethical standards in the use of all copyrighted materials. The willful infringement of a copyright and plagiarism of any sort by district employees is prohibited. The Board, therefore, directs the Superintendent or designee to provide employees with guidelines that ensure compliance with the U.S. copyright law and adherence to standards of ethical conduct as they relate to the use of someone else's creative work.

Copyrighted materials, whether they be print or non-print, may not be duplicated without first receiving written permission from the owner of such materials (copyright holder) and/or complying with guidelines presented in administrative regulations.

The Fall Mountain Regional School District does not sanction the illegal use or unauthorized duplication of someone else's work in any form. Employees who willfully violate the District's copyright policy do so at their own risk and may be required to remunerate the district in the event of a loss resulting from litigation.

Employees are hereby notified that willful infringement of the law may result in disciplinary action.

The legal, ethical, and practical problems caused by plagiarism should be taught in all of the schools in the Fall Mountain Regional School District.

Legal References:

US Code Title XVII, [Public Law 94-533](#), United States Copyright Law of 1976.

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