

Copyrights and Patents

1. District-approved textbooks, guides, and other teaching materials provide the basic tools to assist teachers and administrators in reaching the instructional goals and objectives of the district. Staff members are encouraged to develop materials which enhance the district curriculum and assist in meeting the needs and interests of students. Publications, materials, or models developed by an employee may be used in individual classrooms at the discretion of the teacher if the publications or materials are related to district goals and objectives and are used to supplement required materials.
2. The district reserves the right to claim full ownership of publications, materials, models and other items developed by district staff on district time. The district may apply for copyrights and patents when deemed appropriate by the superintendent. In the event an employee develops educational materials, wholly or partly on district time, the employee may petition the district for assignment of copyright or patent rights; however, the employee shall not attempt to copyright or patent any such item or use the name of the district without the knowledge and consent of the superintendent.
3. When the employee is granted copyright or patent rights under the description of paragraph 2, the district shall be exempt from paying any cost for royalty or profit when purchasing such item.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

Copyrights, Title 17, as amended, United States Code; 19 CFR Part 133 (2001).
Patents, Title 35, as amended, United States Code.