

POLICY	BOARD OF EDUCATION OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND
COPYRIGHT LAWS	SECTION 510
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510 Copyright Laws

It is the intent of the board to conform to United States Copyright Laws¹ and to maintain the highest possible ethical standards in the use of copyrighted materials for instructional purposes.

Federal copyright law sets forth the fair use doctrine and holds that copyrighted material may be used without permission or payment of royalty for such purposes as criticism, comment, news reporting, teaching, scholarship, and research. The criteria to be considered in determining fair use include: 1) the purpose and character of the use, including whether the use is of a commercial nature or is for nonprofit educational purpose; 2) the nature of the copyrighted work; 3) the amount and substantiality of the portion used in relation to the work as a whole; and 4) The effect of the use upon the value or potential market for the copyrighted work.

The superintendent is authorized to adopt regulations for copyrighted material for instructional purposes including print, performance, multimedia/visual arts, musical performances, video recording, computer software and music.

All FCPS employees and students are expected to adhere to these regulations and to comply with the requirements of the law.

¹ 17 United States Code Section 101 et. seq.