ALMOND-BANCROFT SCHOOL DISTRICT Board Policy Manual

771.1

USE OF COPYRIGHTED MATERIALS

Today's new technologies have made learning and information gathering more readily available than ever before and have made it easier to reproduce or copy the material. The District believes a balance must be achieved to meet the needs of society to have access to information and for proper remuneration to its creators. Therefore, it is the intention of the Board of Education that all copyright laws be observed in the District.

Copyrighted materials may be duplicated only with the prior written permission of the copyright holder, or when the duplication constitutes a "fair use" of the materials as defined by law. No school equipment or materials shall be used by school employees, students or others for illegal copying or usage. Those violating the copyright laws shall be liable for their own actions.

Notices of copyright restrictions shall be placed on and/or near those devices that could be used for copying materials or information (e.g., computers, photocopiers, video cassette recorders).

LEGAL REF.: Section 943.70 Wisconsin Statutes

Federal Copyright Law [17 U.S.C.]

Technology Education and Copyright Harmonization Act (TEACH Act)

CROSS REF.: 361, Educational Materials Selection

362.1, Interlibrary Loan

363, Use of Technology and Networks

363.2, Internet Safety District Technology Plan

FRIST READING: March 19, 2008

APPROVED: