

COMPUTER USAGE: DATA AND PROGRAM SECURITY

Section I: PURPOSE

Use of or access to the District and its programs is for performance of official and approved assignments. Use of the computer for access to data and access to secure areas for reasons other than an approved assignment is prohibited. Disclosure of information obtained in carrying out an assignment is to be safeguarded commensurate with the privacy or value of the data and care must be exercised to further ensure against unauthorized modification or use. This policy covers all employees and students of Jackson Public School District.

Section II: SCOPE

This policy applies to all data and programs maintained, stored, or created within the jurisdiction of the Jackson Public School District.

Section III: COMPUTER SOFTWARE

Recognizing that computer software piracy is a major problem for the industry, the following procedures shall be instituted to discourage violation of copyright laws and to prevent related illegal activities at school:

1. No illegal copies of copyrighted programs may be made or used on school equipment.
2. No "locksmith" type programs will be owned or used by the school, nor will anyone be allowed to use such programs on school equipment.
3. Legal back-up copies of copyrighted programs will be protected to prevent unauthorized additional copies.

Section IV: PENALTIES

Unauthorized use or abuse of the system can result in revocation of privileges, employee dismissal or other disciplinary action, or possible criminal prosecution under Mississippi law.

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