 **No. 509**

**SECTION: OPERATIONS**

**TITLE: COPYRIGHT MATERIAL**

**MEDICAL ACADEMY ADOPTED: 10/8/13**

**CHARTER SCHOOL REVISED:**

509. COPYRIGHT MATERIAL

The Board recognizes that the United States Code makes it illegal for anyone to duplicate copyrighted materials without permission. The Board further realizes that severe penalties are provided for unauthorized copying of audio, visual, or printed materials unless the copying falls within the bounds of the "fair use" doctrine.

Under the "fair use" doctrine, unauthorized reproduction of copyrighted materials is permissible for such purposes as criticism, comment, news reporting, teaching, scholarship, or research. If duplicating or changing a product is to fall within the bounds of fair use, these four standards must be met for any of the foregoing purposes:

a. THE PURPOSE AND CHARACTER OF THE USE. The use must be for such

purposes as teaching or scholarship and must be nonprofit.

b. THE NATURE OF THE COPYRIGHTED WORK. Staff may make single copies of:

book chapters for use in research, instruction, or preparation for teaching; articles

from periodicals or newspapers; short stories, essays or poems; and charts, graphs,

diagrams, drawings, cartoons or pictures from books, periodicals or newspapers in

accordance with these guidelines.

c. THE AMOUNT AND SUBSTANTIALITY OF THE PORTION USED. Copying the

whole of a work cannot be considered fair use; copying s mall portion may be if these

guidelines are followed.

d. THE EFFECT OF THE USE UPON THE POTENTIAL MARKET FOR OR VALUE

OF THE COPYRIGHTED WORK. If resulting economic loss to the copyright holder

can be shown, even making a single copy of certain materials may be an infringement,

and making multiple copies presents the danger of greater penalties.

Staff may make copies of copyrighted school materials that fall within the following guidelines. Where there is reason to believe the material to be copied does not fall within these guidelines, prior permission shall be obtained from the principal. Staff members who fail to follow this policy may be held personally liable for copyright infringement.

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Permitted Copies

1. Multiple copies, not exceeding more than one per pupil, may be made for classroom use or

discussion if the copying meets the tests of "brevity, spontaneity and cumulative effect" set by

the following guidelines. Each copy must include a notice of copyright.

a. Brevity

A complete poem, if less than 250 words and two pages long, may be copies; excerpts from

longer poems cannot exceed 250 words;

Complete articles, stories or essays of less than 2500 words or excerpts from prose works

not more than 1000 words or 10% of the work, whichever is less may be copied; in any

event, the minimum is 500 words;

Each numerical limit may be expanded to permit the completion of an unfinished line of a

poem or prose paragraph;

One chart, graph, diagram, drawing, cartoon or picture per book or periodical issue may be

copied. "Special" works cannot be reproduced in full; this includes children's books

combining poetry, prose or poetic prose.

b. Spontaneity

Should be at the "instance and inspiration" of the individual teacher.

c. Cumulative Effect

Teachers are limited to using copied material for only one course in the school in which

copies are made. No more than one short poem, article, story or two excerpts from the

same author may be copied, and no more than three works can be copied from a collective

work or periodical column during one class term. Teachers are limited to nine instances or

multiple copying for one course during one class term. Limitations do not apply to current

news periodicals, newspapers and current news sections of other periodicals.

2. A library or archive may reproduce one copy or recording of a copyrighted work and

distribute it if: the reproduction or distribution is made without any purpose of direct or

indirect commercial advantage; the collection of the library or archives is open to the public,

or available not only to researchers affiliated with the library or archives or with the

institution of which it is a part, but also to other persons doing research in a specialized field;

and if the reproduction or distribution of a work includes a notice of copyright. Libraries and

their employees are not liable for unsupervised use.

3. Copies of materials for "face-to-face" teaching activities involving performances or displays

made by students or instructors, religious services, live performances without commercial

advantage, and the use of instructional broadcasts are permitted.

Prohibited Copies

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1. The Act prohibits using copies to replace or substitute for anthologies, consumable works or

compilations or collective works. "Consumable" works include: workbooks, exercises,

standardized tests, test booklets and answer sheets. Teachers cannot substitute copies for the

purchase of books, publishers' reprints or periodicals, nor can they repeatedly copy the same

item from term-to-term. Copying cannot be directed by a "higher authority" and students

cannot be charged more than actual cost of photocopying.

2. Schools must be licensed to play copyrighted music where the performer is paid or admission

is charged, even if the admission is used to cover refreshment costs.

3. Juke boxes must be licensed and a certificate of license must be displayed on each machine.

Off-Air Recordings

Broadcast programs may be recorded off-air simultaneously with broadcast transmission and retained by the district for a period not to exceed forty-five (45) consecutive "calendar" days after the date of recording. After this period of time, all recordings must be erased or destroyed immediately.

These recordings may be used once by individual teachers in the course of relevant teaching activities, and repeated once only when the instructional reinforcement is necessary, during the first ten (10) consecutive "school days" in the forty-five (45) day calendar day retention period.

Off-air recordings may be made only at the request of and use by individual teachers and may not be regularly recorded in anticipation of requests. No broadcast program may be recorded off-air more than once at the request of the same teacher, regardless of the number of times the program may be broadcast.

After the first ten (10) consecutive school days, off-air recordings may be used up to the end of the forty-five calendar day retention period only for teacher evaluation purposes. Off-air recordings need not be used in their entirety; but they may not be altered from their original content and may not be physically or electronically combined or merged to constitute teaching anthologies or compilations. Such recording must include the copyright notice on the broadcast program as recorded.