

## COMPUTER SOFTWARE COPYRIGHT COMPLIANCE

The Portsmouth City School Division recognizes and supports the limitation imposed by copyright laws. These laws specially prohibit unauthorized duplication of software except to provide for archival back-up copies.

Therefore, the Portsmouth City School Division declares it to be inappropriate to use "pirated" or otherwise illegally obtained software on division equipment, whether for instruction, administrative or any other purpose. Furthermore, use of division equipment to make unauthorized copies of division owned, privately owned, or illegally obtained software is prohibited.

To minimize the motivation to use illegal copies of software in instructional programs and administrative systems, the division is committed to working with software producers and distributors to encourage appropriate pricing, previewing, and replacement policies for software purchases.

The superintendent shall develop administrative regulations to implement this policy.

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Legal Refs.: United States Code, Title 17, sections 117, 504, 506, Title 18, section 2319