

Nashville State Community College

NSCC Policy 08-19-00 Computer Software Copyright

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to make employees aware of copyright laws, penalties associated with the violation of these laws, and the College policy related to computer software.

Policy

1. The principles of copyright law are designed to promote the creation, publication, and use of works of intellect. These precepts are in the mutual interest of the school, author, and publisher communities of the public.

The unauthorized use or distribution of copyrighted software may violate federal or state laws. Making copies of computer software is subject to federal copyright laws. Violation of these may result in the filing of a civil lawsuit against the alleged infringer. If infringement is proved, the infringer may be ordered to pay monetary damages. It is also a violation of the Tennessee State Computer Crimes Act to acquire or use software without proper authorization. Such illegal activity may result in criminal prosecution.

2. College employees and students may be held personally liable in civil actions for activities which are in violation of state law or Tennessee Board of Regents policy.

Sources

TBR Policy 1:08:00:00 Sections VI C.3 and VII A.1

2010 Tennessee Code

Title 39 - Criminal Offenses

Chapter 14 - Offenses Against Property

Part 6 - Tennessee Personal and Commercial Computer Act of 2003

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