

POLICY

SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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1. PURPOSE

To establish respective publication guidelines for educator and student research and project development.

2. PROCESS

Publications Rights, Inventions, and Patents

A. Educators

- (1) Materials or devices created as part of the officially assigned educator responsibility will be the property of the Somerset County Board of Education (Board).
- (2) The Board will patent or copyright all such materials or devices in its own name; however, such items will bear the name(s) of its creator(s).
- (3) All profits from the production of the material or device will be returned by the publisher or agent to the Board for distribution. It being the intent of the Board to stimulate these creations, said profits shall be distributed by the Board as follows:
 - (a) Fifty (50) percent of the profits will be distributed and returned to the creator(s) of the material and/or device.
 - (b) The remaining fifty (50) percent will be placed in an Educator Research Fund, said fund to be maintained by the Board in an interest bearing savings account and used to further stimulate professional research and invention.
 - Said funds for research etc. shall be made available to educator(s) upon written application and approval thereof by the Board.
 - Said application shall specify the purpose, anticipated cost, and projected result of the project.
 - Approval by the Board shall be a matter of its own discretion based on evaluation of individual applications.

- (4) When the materials and devices are created by an individual educator on his own time apart from his officially assigned educator responsibilities at his own expense, copyright and royalties shall be the sole property of the individual creator(s).

B. Students

- (1) Materials and devices created by a student as part of the general classroom instructional and extracurricular educational experience, subject to the exceptions hereinafter noted in Item 2 below, will be the property of the individual student provided said student has reimbursed the Board for the cost of the materials and/or other tools of production used in said development and/or creation. In such event, all copyright and royalties shall be the sole property of the individual/student creator(s).
- (2) Those instructional projects in which the development of the material or device is the intended product of a supervised instructional activity, (for example, and including but not limited to, J.M. Tawes construction and automotive repairs) are deemed to be the property of the Board, the individual creative input being limited by the nature of the directed instruction.