

*Intellectual Property - Ownership*

Definition

Intellectual property is a term that refers to legal property rights associated with original works created from one's mind along with the areas of law that correspond to those personal creations.

Intellectual property law grants owners particular exclusive rights to several types of intangible assets including musical, literary, and artistic works, ideas, discoveries, inventions, words, phrases, symbols, and designs.

Common types of intellectual property include copyrights, trademarks, patents, industrial design rights and trade secrets.

District Property

All intellectual property, including but not limited to, planned courses of study, educational programs, media productions or publications or other copyrightable material developed for curriculum use or otherwise on behalf of the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District by staff of the District remain the sole property of the District.

Such material is not to be used outside of the District in any manner for personal gain or for personal profit by individuals employed by the District.

All contracts with providers of contracted services must contain a provision requiring the providers of those contracted services to release ownership rights of intellectual property specifically created for the District to the District. The Board shall be specifically notified of any requested exceptions to this provision prior to approval of the contract by the Board.

Student Property

All works created by students in association with courses, curriculum, school-sponsored activities or any other school-related events whether musical, literary, artistic, technological or otherwise remain the sole property of individual student creators.

Such material is not to be used by the District or its staff outside of the District in any manner or with the purpose of receiving any type of gain or profit for the District or its staff without the express written consent of the student, if the student is 18 years or older or the student's parent/guardian, if the student is under 18 years old.