

Adopted:

**409 EMPLOYEE PUBLICATIONS, INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS, INVENTIONS, AND CREATIONS****I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to identify and reserve the proprietary rights of Crosslake Community Schools (CCS) to certain publications, instructional materials, inventions, and creations which employees may develop or create, or assist in developing or creating, while employed by the school district.

**II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

Unless the employee develops, creates or assists in developing or creating a publication, instructional material, computer program, invention or creation entirely on the employee's own time and without the use of any CCS facilities or equipment, the employee shall immediately disclose and, on demand of CCS, assign any rights to publications, instructional materials, computer programs, materials posted on websites, inventions or creations which the employee develops or creates or assists in developing or creating during the term of employee's employment. In addition, employees shall sign such documents and perform such other acts as may be necessary to secure the rights of CCS relating to such publications, instructional materials, computer programs, materials posted on websites, inventions and/or creations, including domestic and foreign patents and copyrights.

**III. NOTICE OF POLICY**

The school district shall give employees notice of this policy by such means as are reasonably likely to inform them of this policy.

**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. § 181.78 (Agreements; Terms Relating to Inventions)  
17 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq.* (Copyrights)

**Cross References:**

Policy 409 Employee Publications, Instructional Materials, Inventions, and Creations is also found in the Staff Handbook.