

Copyright Law and Fair Use for Educators

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Why is it important to give the proper credit when using work that is copyrighted?

It is very important to give credit where it is due because by giving authors and composers credit it will encourage them to produce more work since they can see that people are actually using and reading their original piece .

Guidelines to follow when using work that is copyrighted:

- > Make sure that you cite your sources for all copyrighted material that you have used.
- > When presenting the material make sure you announce the copyrighted work that you will be using.

What is copyright?

Copyright is when authors or composers are given rights to their works so when they are borrowed or used by someone else they need to be given the proper credit.



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Fair Use Guidelines for Multimedia Projects:

- > Face- to- face student instruction
- >Direct student self-study

Some examples that are considered acceptable when it comes to copyright are when they are writing research papers they can use quotations from short passages in their work, they can also summarize the an article by using quotations from the article.



Avoiding copyright Lawsuits in Educational Settings:

- > Encourage or require student purchases
- > Rely on Libraries
- > Provide attribution of the resources
- > Copy only minimally
- > Draw on the public domain

What is fair use?

Fair use is a doctrine that states that teachers are only permitted limited use of copyrighted material without acquiring permission from the rights holders.

	Type of Media	Permissible Amounts
	Motion media <i>e.g., movies, film clips, excerpts from television shows, etc.</i>	Up to 10% of the total OR three minutes... whichever is less
	Text material	Up to 10% of the total OR 1,000 words... whichever is less
	Music, lyrics, and music video	Up to 10% of the work BUT no more than 30 seconds of the music or lyrics from an individual musical work
	Illustrations or photographs	- No more than five images from one artist or photographer - No more than 10% OR 15 images from a collection... whichever is less
	Numerical data sets	Up to 10% OR 2,500 fields or cells from a copyrighted database or data table...whichever is less

"A brainy person does not abuse copyright; instead they respect it and uphold it"

-Maximillian Degenez