



Copyright Infringement Policy

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ABOUT

This policy outlines the school's stance on unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material and aims to inform students about the potential civil and criminal liabilities associated with copyright infringement.



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Policy Statement: Unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material, including unauthorized peer-to-peer file sharing, is strictly prohibited within the school's premises and digital platforms.

Copyright Infringement Defined:

1. Copyright infringement refers to the act of exercising exclusive rights granted to the copyright owner under section 106 of the Copyright Act (Title 17 of the United States Code) without proper permission or legal authority.
2. These rights include the right to reproduce, distribute, or use a copyrighted work.

File Sharing and Copyright Infringement:

1. In the context of file sharing, downloading or uploading substantial portions of a copyrighted work without proper authority constitutes copyright infringement.
2. Engaging in such activities exposes individuals to potential legal actions.

Penalties for Copyright Infringement:

1. Penalties for copyright infringement include both civil and criminal consequences.
2. Those found liable for civil copyright infringement may be ordered to pay:
 - o Actual damages suffered by the copyright owner.
 - o Statutory damages ranging from \$750 to \$30,000 per work infringed.
3. In cases of "willful" infringement, the court may award up to \$150,000 per infringed work.
4. Courts have the authority to assess costs and attorneys' fees as part of the penalty.

Criminal Penalties for Willful Copyright Infringement:

1. Willful copyright infringement can lead to criminal penalties.
2. Criminal penalties may include imprisonment for up to five years.
3. Fines for criminal copyright infringement may reach up to \$250,000 per offense.

Additional Information: For more detailed information regarding copyright law, penalties, and regulations, please refer to Title 17, United States Code, Sections 504 and 505. Visit the U.S. Copyright Office website at www.copyright.gov for further guidance.

Applicability: This policy applies to all students, staff, and individuals accessing the school's premises and digital resources.

Effective Date: This policy is effective from the date of approval and supersedes any previous policies or provisions related to unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material.