

CATEGORY: ACADEMIC

SUBJECT: COPYRIGHT POLICY

The Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code) governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material.

MCHP prohibits unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material and unauthorized peer-to-peer sharing.

Copyright provides legal protection of an author's or creator's original work. Copyrighted material may not be copied, distributed, or modified without consent of the author, unless it falls under the "Fair Use" exception. Fair Use allows students, researchers, and instructors to use copyrighted material "Fairly" without permission. If the use of the copyrighted material does not fall under "Fair Use", permission from the copyright holder is required.

Copyright violations may be subject to civil and criminal liabilities. Federal penalties may include paying damages, fines, and/or imprisonment.

Students who abuse the Copyright Law are in direct violation of the "Code of Student Conduct" policy and are subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination from the college and may result in a report to law enforcement.

More detailed information is available at [www.copyright.gov](http://www.copyright.gov)

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