

Copyright Compliance

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Students are always being told what they cannot do regarding copyright. This article will address what they can do!

Students may incorporate portions of lawfully acquired copyrighted works when producing their own educational multimedia projects for a specific course.

The portion limitations are:

- Up to 10% or 3 minutes, whichever is less in the aggregate of a copyrighted motion media work may be reproduced or otherwise incorporated.
- Up to 10% or 1000 words, whichever is less, in the aggregate of a copyrighted work consisting of text material may be reproduced or otherwise incorporated.
- Up to 10%, but not to exceed 30 seconds of the music and lyrics from an individual musical work (or in the aggregate of extracts from an individual work), whether the musical work is embodied in copies, or audio or audiovisual works, may be reproduced or otherwise incorporated.
- The reproduction or incorporation of photographs and illustrations is more difficult to define with regard to fair use because fair use usually precludes the use of an entire work. Under these guidelines, a photograph or illustration may be used in its entirety but no more than 5 images by an artist or photographer may be reproduced or otherwise incorporated.

Students may use video clips or full video in multimedia presentations if their school subscribes to Discovery (United streaming). Students may use the United Streaming clips in their portfolios as examples of their academic work for later personal uses such as job and graduate school interviews.

Students may use the images from SIRS Discoverer and ELibrary elementary. These databases have an extensive library of images, and are accessible to students through REMC 13. Students may also use them in their portfolios for later personal uses.

Students may use their own pictures or videos that they have taken; however they must seek permission from individuals before taking their picture or video.

Students may use images from the Pics4Learning site. Pics4Learning <http://pics4learning.com> is a copyright-friendly image library for teachers and students. The Pics4Learning collection consists of thousands of images that have been donated by students, teachers, and amateur photographers.

Students may also use images from <http://freefoto.com>. FreeFoto.com is the largest collection of free photographs for **private non-commercial** use on the Internet. Also, the Oswego School District <http://www.oswego.org/staff/cchamber/photoa/index.cfm> has a large collection of digital pictures that students may use in the schoolwork.

Students should cite all sources that they have “borrowed” their material from. If they plan to use the presentation in the future (when they are no longer a student), they should also get permission from whomever they borrowed the material from.

For more information on copyright, check out:

<http://ala.org/copyright> American Library Association site on Copyright

<http://www.utsystem.edu/ogc/intellectualproperty/ccmcguid.htm> Fair Use for Multimedia Guidelines

<http://benedict.com> The Internet's first and premiere Copyright Registration and Information Resource.

<http://www.utsystem.edu/ogc/intellectualproperty/teachact.htm> The Teach Act