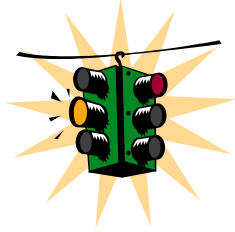


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Student Copyright Guidelines

Use "Caution"
when copying materials



"Stop" and verify that
you are complying
with copyright laws

What is copyright? - U.S. copyright law protects creative, tangible works from unlawful reproduction or alteration. As of January 1, 1978, a creative "tangible medium of expression", as U.S. copyright law states, no longer has to bear the familiar © symbol to be protected by copyright law. **Fair Use** provisions within copyright law allow for conditional rights for using copyrighted materials, such as use for non-profit educational purposes; the nature of the copyrighted work; the amount of the portion used in relationship to the entire copyrighted work; and the effects on the market or value of the work.

What You Can Do With Copyrighted Materials

Make a single photocopy from a resource to use for your own personal research.

Use the school's computer software while at school.

Use copyrighted resources to complete your school assignments.

Use your creativity and imagination when creating illustrations for posters, banners, or schoolwork.

Write the copyright holder to request permission to use graphics or copyrighted materials outside of a regular school assignment.

What You Cannot Do With Copyrighted Materials

Make extra copies from the copy you made or sell them to other people.

Copy the software from the school's computer systems.

Not credit the source of your information in your assignments.

Copy, trace, enlarge with an opaque projector, or modify or adapt a copyrighted graphic (from print or other sources, such as the Internet) to be used on a poster, banner, sign, assignment, etc.

You cannot ignore copyright law. They call it a LAW for a reason!!!