

Copyright

Copyright is an important and complex issue. The following information includes links and a chart that provide copyright information for the Hamburg Central School District students and staff. There are penalties for those failing to comply with copyright laws. It is imperative that Hamburg staff and students understand copyright basics.

What is Copyright?

"Copyright is a collection of rights granted to artists, authors, musicians, and other creators of original works. Copyright laws seek to ensure that creative people benefit from their own creations. The laws protect against the unauthorized copying, distribution, and public performance of creative works. Books, computer programs, designs, motion pictures, musical compositions, paintings, poems, and various other forms of expression are protected by copyright laws. Protected works are considered intellectual property—that is, products of human creativity over which a person or group of people have legal control" (World Book).

What is fair use?

There are specific cases when copyrighted material can be used without permission from the author/owner of the material. This is called fair use. "The copyright laws of most countries include sections on *fair use*—that is, the limited reproduction or distribution of copyrighted material that is legal for such purposes as critical commentary, news reporting, study, and research. For example, teachers can generally make a limited number of copies of a copyrighted work for classroom use" (World Book).

Medium	Proportion	Limits	Additional guidelines
Film/ Video (Motion Media)	10%	Up to 3 minutes from a work	
Text	10%	Up to 1,000 words	
Poetry	Entire poem if 250 words or less	Up to 250 words	If from anthology, limit of 3 from one poet or 5 poems total
Music/Lyrics/ MusicVideo	10%	30 seconds maximum	No change to melody or fundamental character of the work
Photos/ Illustrations	Complete image	Up to five from one artist	
Collected Work Images	10%	Up to 15 images	Max 15 from a single collected work
Database (Numerical Data Sets)	10%	Up to 2,500 fields or cell entries such as spreadsheet	Cell entry is row by column intersect (spreadsheet). Field entry is single item of information.

More information and the table below can be found at www.cgu.edu/pages/6266.asp which was created for educators from Claremont University.

Guidelines for copyright:

<http://cyberlaw.stanford.edu/documentary-film-program/film/a-fair-y-use-tale>

<http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/copyright1.html#2d>

<http://www.carolsimpson.com/>

<http://www.copyright.gov/>

<http://school.discoveryeducation.com/schrockguide/referenc.html>

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