Copyright Protection

John A. Logan College is committed to complying with the Copyright Act of 1976 (Title 17, United States Code, Section 101, et seq.), the Digital Millennium Copyright Act ("DMCA") and the Technology Education and Copyright Harmonization Act ("TEACH") (Section 110(2) of the U.S. Copyright Act. Compliance with federal copyright law is expected of all faculty, staff and students.

Copyright is a form of legal protection for authors of original works in a fixed medium, including artistic, dramatic, literary, musical, and other intellectual products. In order to use a copyrighted work, faculty, staff, and students must either obtain permission from the copyright holder, or qualify for a legal exception from obtaining permission, as required by copyright law. Legal exceptions, or “limitations on exclusive rights” are set forth in the “fair use” provision of Section 107 of the Copyright Act, in addition to provisions of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act and the TEACH Act.

The College fully supports faculty and staff in the responsible, good faith exercise of fair use rights and other rights as provided by copyright law. It also supports the legal protection of ownership rights for creators of works under copyright law. Adherence to copyright law will further the educational mission of the college, while protecting the intellectual property and legal rights of others.

In order to ensure compliance with copyright laws, the College will:

1. Provide education and guidance to faculty, staff and students about copyright law and the legal limitations to the requirement for obtaining permission.

2. Make available resources concerning copyright laws in general and the applications of fair use in specific situations.

3. Provide assistance in obtaining copyright permission when necessary.

4. Provide resources to reduce the need for permission, where possible, through licensing agreements.

5. Provide copyright guidelines in published Administrative Procedures.

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