

# Copyright and Fair Use Guidelines for Students

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 For more detailed information about fair use guidelines and copyright, go to [www.halldavidson.net](http://www.halldavidson.net)

Medium	Specifics	What you can do	The Fine Print
Printed Material (short)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One poem less than 250 words, or a 250-word excerpt of a poem greater than 250 words</li> <li>• Up to 10 percent or 1,000 words, whichever is less, of a single copyrighted work of text</li> <li>• One chart, picture, diagram, or cartoon per book or per periodical issue</li> <li>• Two pages (maximum) from an illustrated work less than 2,500 words (e.g., a children's book)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incorporate text into a multimedia project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copied text must be properly cited</li> </ul>
Illustrations and Photographs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Photograph</li> <li>• Illustration</li> <li>• Collections of photographs</li> <li>• Collections of illustrations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single works may be used in their entirety, but no more than five images by a single artist or photographer may be used</li> <li>• From a collection, no more than 15 images or 10% (whichever is less) may be used</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check to make sure older illustrations are not part of a copyright collection. Copyright ownership information is available at <a href="http://www.loc.gov">www.loc.gov</a> or <a href="http://www.mpa.org">www.mpa.org</a></li> </ul>

Video (for integration into multimedia or video projects)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Videotapes (purchased)</li> <li>• DVDs</li> <li>• Laserdiscs</li> <li>• Multimedia encyclopedias</li> <li>• Quick Time Movies</li> <li>• Video clips from the Internet</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students "may use portions of lawfully acquired copyrighted works in their academic multimedia"</li> <li>• 10% or three minutes (whichever is less) of "motion media"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Material must be a legal copy or a home recording</li> <li>• Copyrighted works included in multimedia projects must be cited properly</li> </ul>
Music (for integration into multimedia or video projects)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Records</li> <li>• Cassette tapes</li> <li>• CDs</li> <li>• Audio clips on the Web</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 10% of a copyrighted musical composition may be reproduced, performed, and displayed as part of a multimedia program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A maximum of 30 seconds per musical composition may be used</li> <li>• Alterations to a musical work should not change the basic melody or the fundamental character of the work</li> </ul>
Computer Software	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Software (purchased)</li> <li>• Software (licensed)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copies may only be made for archival purposes, following the software application's end user license agreement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only one machine at a time may use the program</li> <li>• The number of simultaneous users must not exceed the number of licenses; and the number of machines being used must never exceed the number licensed</li> </ul>
Internet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internet connections</li> <li>• World Wide Web</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Images may be downloaded for projects</li> <li>• Sound files and video files may be downloaded for use in multimedia projects (see portion restrictions)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resources from the Web may not be reposted onto the Internet; however, links may be posted</li> <li>• Downloaded resources must have been legitimately acquired by the Web site</li> </ul>