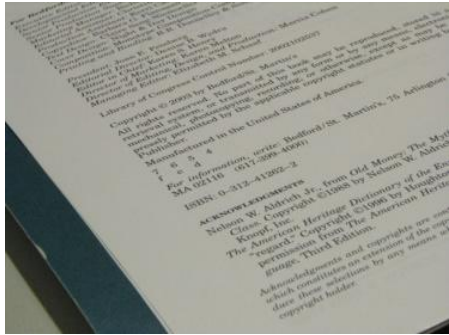


## What is the TEACH Act and how you can protect yourself from copyright infringement?



### **The Technology, Education, and Copyright**

**Harmonization Act**, an amendment to copyright law, was signed into law by President Bush on November 2, 2002. It broadens the legal use of copyrighted materials and redefines the terms and conditions that accredited, non-profit educational institutions throughout the United States make use of copyright protected materials in distance education/online instruction on websites, and other digital means, without the copyright owner's permission and without royalty payments (Copyright Clearance Center, 2005).

The TEACH Act specifically addresses special copyright requirements of online distance learning and facilitates "the performance and display of copyrighted materials for distance education" (Copyright Clearance Center, 2005). The primary purpose of the TEACH Act is to balance the needs of distance learners and educators with the rights of copyright holders and applies to distance education to include the participation of any enrolled student, on or off campus (Copyright Clearance Center, 2005).

Copyrighted materials "include, but are not limited to, print, still images, audio recordings, video recordings, diagrams, charts, and graphs" (Florida State University – Center for Teaching and Learning, n.d.)

Visit the following websites to learn more about the TEACH Act, copyright guidelines and compliance, and using copyrighted media in courses.

### **TEACH Act Checklist**

<http://copyright.southernct.edu/Analysis/analysis6.htm>

Created by the Connecticut State University System (CSUS) for CSUS educators, this checklist will help you determine if you are in compliance with the TEACH Act.

### **TEACH Act - 26 Resources**

<http://www.educause.edu/Resources/Browse/TEACH%20Act/33345>

The Educause website provides a list of research, reports, and other publications written by their members on the TEACH Act, copyright law, and fair use.

### **The Campus Guide to Copyright Compliance**

<http://www.copyright.com/Services/copyrightoncampus/intro/index.html>

This website includes information on copyright law, copyright protection, public domain works, fair use, using content in course management systems and course packs, digital content, library reserves, photocopies, copyright compliance, other copyright issues (computer software, file sharing, illegal online content), and more.

On the left navigational menu, click the link to "Copyright Basics." Here you will find specific information relating to *Copyright Basics: The TEACH Act*. You will also see an icon for an interactive quiz to test your copyright knowledge.

### **Copyright Crash Course Tutorial**

<http://www.lib.utsystem.edu/copyright/>

Created by the University of Texas at Austin, this crash course online tutorial provides information about ownership of copyrighted material works, fair use, and how to get permission to use someone else's materials.

### **Interactive Guide to Using Copyrighted Media in your Courses**

<http://www.baruch.cuny.edu/tutorials/copyright/>

Developed by Baruch College's Computing and Technology Center and Kognito Interactive, this free interactive tutorial includes copyright guidelines on using copyrighted media in courses. The interactive guide also includes links to other resources such as copyright law for educators, works that are protected by copyright, fair use guidelines, and more.

### **The Case of Dr. No** (video clip)

[http://marconi.umuc.edu/ramgen/cip/educause\\_dr\\_no/case\\_of\\_no.rm](http://marconi.umuc.edu/ramgen/cip/educause_dr_no/case_of_no.rm)

This video clip discusses the challenges that faculty face when distributing copyrighted materials from various resources.

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