



Copyrights

Riverland Policy #3.27

PURPOSE:

To provide information on and implement Board Policy 3.27, Copyrights.

APPLICABILITY:

The Board of Trustees of the college and universities of Minnesota State recognized that there may be situations where copyright owners have exclusive rights with respect to their creation of original works. Minnesota State promotes the recognition and protection of these rights, including the rights of reproduction, preparation of derivative works, distribution, display, and performance. Reproduction and use of copyrighted works in accordance with fair use limitations and Sections 110(1) and (2) of the Copyright Act can further teaching, research, and public service at Minnesota State colleges and universities. Where proposed uses of copyrighted works exceed those permitted by fair use and other statutory exceptions, permission to use the copyrighted works should be obtained from the copyright holder.

Consistent with the mission of the Board of Trustees and the distinct missions of the colleges and universities, the board supports the creation and sharing of new knowledge for course development and to improve student learning through creative commons licenses and open education resources (OER).

The college adopts [Minnesota State Board Policy 3.27](#), Copyrights.

SCOPE: This policy applies to all college faculty, staff, and students and relates to all forms of copyright subject to legal protection in the United States and/or internationally.

DOES THIS POLICY HAVE A PROCEDURE? Yes

Please contact the Vice President of Technology and Learning resources at Riverland for copyright questions.

Employees and students are responsible for clearing the copyright of materials before use. Clearing the copyright of a copyrighted work may be done by determining that a proposed use is authorized by the Copyright Act; conducting a fair use or TEACH Act analysis; determining the materials are in the public domain or are not eligible for copyright protection; determining the materials are available through an open or Creative Commons license; are an Open Educational Resource; or by obtaining written permission from the copyright holder. Permissions obtained from a copyright holder, such as a digital or hard copy of a Creative Commons License, must be retained in accordance with the applicable records retention schedule at the college or university.

LIST RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES OR FORMS:

[Minnesota State Board Policy 3.27](#)

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