



Copyright Consumer Disclosure Policy

Overview

Under 34 CFR 668.43(a)(10), Mayfield College discloses to students on an annual basis the institutional policies and sanctions related to copyright infringement. In addition, Mayfield College has each student and each employee sign an acknowledgement that they have been made aware of the Copyright Infringement Policy and understand the consequences of violation. Signed acknowledgments are available by request from the Campus

Policy Statement

The Copyright Consumer Disclosure that is disclosed to students and employees on an annual basis which includes:

- Explicit information to students that unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material, including unauthorized peer-to-peer file sharing, may subject the students to civil and criminal liabilities
- A summary of the penalties for violation of Federal copyright laws
- A description of Mayfield's policies with respect to unauthorized peer-to-peer file sharing, including disciplinary actions that are taken against students who engage in illegal downloading or unauthorized distribution of copyrighted materials using the college's information technology system. The description includes sanctions for First-time Notifications, Second Notifications, and Subsequent Notification Processes
- The legal alternatives for downloading or otherwise acquiring copyrighted material

Mayfield includes in its annual Copyright Consumer Disclosure that is sent to students and employees the following statement:

Summary of Civil and Criminal Penalties for Violation of Federal Copyright Laws

Copyright infringement is the act of exercising, without permission or legal authority, one or more of the exclusive rights granted to the copyright owner under section 106 of the Copyright Act (Title 17 of the United States Code). These rights include the right to reproduce or distribute a copyrighted work. In the file-sharing context, downloading or uploading substantial parts of a copyrighted work without authority constitutes an infringement. Penalties for copyright infringement include civil and criminal penalties. In general, anyone found liable for civil copyright infringement may be ordered to pay either actual damages or "statutory" damages affixed at not less than \$750 and not more than \$30,000 per work infringed. For "willful" infringement, a court may award up to \$150,000 per work infringed. A court can, in its discretion, also assess costs and attorneys' fees. For details, see Title 17, United States Code, Sections 504, 505.

Willful copyright infringement can also result in criminal penalties, including imprisonment of up to five years and fines of up to \$250,000 per offense. For more information, please see the website of the U.S. Copyright Office at <https://copyright.gov>.
