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As a College devoted to providing the highest level of instruction by its faculty and education for its students, Whatcom Community College (WCC) respects the rights of content creators and facilitates compliance with the provisions of the United States Copyright Law (Title 17, United States Code, Sect. 101 *et. seq*). WCC recognizes the Copyright Act of 1976, including the Fair Use doctrine (Section 107) and subsequent amendments including the TEACH Act, the Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998, and *Guidelines for Off-the-Air Recording of Broadcast Programming for Education Purposes*.

Specifically, Whatcom Community College:

- Informs and educates students, faculty and staff about their rights and privileges in using copyright-restricted material, including the limited exclusive rights of copyright holders;
- Provides resources and tools for members of the WCC community to facilitate the adoption of copyright materials into all classes;
- Facilitates the use of materials currently licensed by WCC;
- Identifies individuals at the college who can advise faculty and staff regarding application of copyright law; and
- Refers complex issues to legal counsel.