

COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT POLICY

CBD College requires that all copyrighted materials “be used in conformance with applicable copyright and other laws.” Downloading or distributing copyrighted material, e.g. documents, books, programs, music, movies, videos, text, etc., without permission from the rightful owner violates the United States Copyright Act. Further, the copying of digital copyrighted materials, such as third-party software without the express written permission of the owner of the proper license is illegal. Consequently, CBD College’s Wi-Fi network is configured to block the use of Peer-to-Peer file sharing networks that are used to share copyrighted materials. These materials include, but are not limited to, music, software, movies and television programs that are in violation of the Federal Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) and other federal copyright laws. Students are prohibited from using file-sharing on any CBD College provided network, including the Wi-Fi network.

INFRINGEMENT OF COPYRIGHT LAWS

Federal law provides severe civil and criminal penalties for the unauthorized reproduction, distribution or exhibition of copyrighted materials. Criminal copyright infringement is investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The penalties may depend upon the amount and the willfulness of the infringing activity and can include civil liability, criminal liability, money damages, including reimbursement of attorneys’ fees and costs. In a civil lawsuit, the penalty for copyright infringement can range from \$1,000 to \$30,000 per copyrighted work infringed. This penalty can be increased to \$150,000 per infringed work in cases of particularly flagrant infringement. In the most serious and widespread cases of copyright infringement, criminal prosecution is possible.