

Intellectual Property and Copyright Act Compliance

RVC Administrative Procedure (4:20.020)

This procedure guides the College's commitment to the development of students' intellectual property, and to adherence to the federal Copyright Act of 1976.

Purpose

The College encourages students to engage in the development of intellectual property and to facilitate ownership protection with regard to such development. The College further expects students to adhere to the federal Copyright Act of 1976, international copyright laws, and College copyright procedures and guidelines.

Scope

This procedure applies to all students who are enrolled in any course or program within the Institution.

Department and Primary Point of Contact Involved

Department: Academic Affairs and Student Affairs

Primary Point of Contact: VP of Academic Affairs/CAO and VP of Student Affairs/CSSO

Definitions

Copyright

A legal form of intellectual property that grants creators the exclusive right to use, reproduce, distribute, display, or adapt their original works.

Intellectual Property

Intangible creations of the human mind, such as inventions, artistic works, designs, symbols, and names used in commerce.

Student

Any learner enrolled in courses at RVC

Procedure

Rock Valley College respects copyrights and fully complies with copyright law. The purpose of the board policy is to establish the appropriate use of Rock Valley College's information technology resources, computers, and networking systems. Rock Valley College shall make every effort to comply with United States copyright law as set forth in the Copyright Act of 1976 and its amendments and any new acts or amendments enacted in the future, as well as international copyright laws. This applies to the use of all information technology resources, computers, and networking systems. All Rock Valley College employees (faculty and staff), anyone officially performing duties on behalf of Rock Valley College, and Rock Valley College

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students (enrolled in credit or non-credit courses) are expected to comply with all applicable copyright laws.

Students are considered the author of their student work, and the works are automatically copyrighted at the moment they are fixed in a tangible form. This is considered initial ownership (17 U.S. Code § 201).

Rock Valley College will make available to its community (faculty, staff, and students) information about copyright law in order to promote compliance.

Rock Valley College expects all members of the College community to adhere to the provisions of the United States Copyright Law. Copyright protection applies to a variety of works including, but not limited to printed materials, sound recordings, video recordings, and visual artworks. Information about copyright law is available in Library Guides under “Copy and Fair Use: Copyright Law.”

Related Documents

Rock Valley College Library LibGuide: Copyright and Fair Use: Copyright Law

Reference: AR 314

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