

Computer File Sharing

An amendment to the Higher Education Act of 1965 requires institutions to have a plan to combat the illegal downloading of music, videos and other copyrighted works on institutional campus networks.

NAA takes this responsibility seriously. Campus computers are monitored closely to address copyright violations related to illegal downloads. Each computer user should understand what material is illegal or legal and what sites are authorized distributors of copyrighted material. For example, popular sites such as iTunes, Rhapsody, Amazon, etc., have downloads available for a fee. Any unauthorized or illegal downloads or unauthorized file sharing, including peer to peer file sharing, by any member of the campus community subjects that member to sanctions by NAA up to dismissal from school or termination of employment. Individuals are subject to federal criminal offenses for copyright law violations. For a full list of offenses, visit <http://www.copyright.gov/title17/92chap5.html>