

## **Copyright Infringement Policy**

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.

The Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (HEOA) requires:

- institutions certify to the Secretary of Education that they have developed plans to “effectively combat” the unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material
- institutions make an annual disclosure that informs students that the illegal distribution of copyrighted materials may subject them to criminal and civil penalties and describes the steps that institutions will take to detect and punish illegal distribution of copyrighted materials
- institutions publicize alternatives to illegal file sharing

## **Sanctions**

PJS College fully cooperates with any investigation related to illegally downloaded copyrighted information. Students found guilty will be subject to possible fines and criminal penalties as well as possible suspension from the course.

Details of possible criminal penalties and fines can be found under 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.

Additional information can be found at: [www.copyright.gov](http://www.copyright.gov)

## **Annual Disclosure**

PJS College of Cosmetology discloses this material annual in all school locations as well as on its web site.