

## The TEACH Act

The TEACH Act expanded educators' rights to transmit copyrighted works in digital distance education so long as strict conditions are met.

VWCC is a non-profit educational institution.

VWCC is responsible for meeting some of the TEACH conditions such as limiting reception to enrolled students, taking technological measures to control access and to prevent further dissemination, and limiting the time any distance education class will be retained on the system or network.

VWCC and faculty are responsible for making copyright information available to students who will be viewing the copyrighted materials.

### **Permissible Use of Legally Acquired Materials:**

- Transmitting complete performances of non-dramatic literary works.
- Transmitting complete performances of non-dramatic musical works.
- Transmitting limited portions of other works. See other guidelines for allowable portions.

### **Not Permissible:**

- Transmitting anything that is produced and sold for performance or display as part of a digitally transmitted mediated instructional activity unless VWCC purchases a license that allows us to do so.
- Transmitting textbooks or course packs.
- Converting anything to digital format that already is available – usually for sale – in digital format.
- Converting to digital format, a greater portion of a copyrighted work than educator will use in a course.

### **Conditions:**

- Amount displayed must be the same as for a live class.
- Content must be directly related to a class session, and part of systematic mediated instructional activities.
- Content cannot be supplemental material.

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