

The Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) of 1998 prohibits the copying, distributing, and downloading of copyrighted materials, including music, videos, and games, for which you do not have the owner's (copyright holder's) permission. Under this act, such behaviors are deemed to be a violation of federal law. Compliance with federal copyright law is expected of all students, faculty, and staff and Pulaski Technical College. If you download and/or distribute unauthorized copies of copyrighted music material and movies, you are breaking the law and may be held legally liable for damages.

The federal law provides penalties for the following:

- 1) Unauthorized Reproduction
- 2) Unauthorized Distribution
- 3) Unauthorized Digital Transmission through Peer-to-Peer Networks

The FBI investigates allegations of criminal copyright infringement and violators are prosecuted. Watch this video [on downloading music legally](#), produced by the RIAA, to learn how to legally protect yourself.

For additional information regarding the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) of 1998), go to

[Full Text of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act](#)

[The U.S. Copyright Office Report on Distance Education](#) Pursuant to Section 403 of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act - May 1999

[The U.S. Copyright Office's Final Rule on Exemptions to the Anti-Circumvention Provisions](#) of the Act – October 2000

[The WIPO Copyright Treaty - Geneva - December 2-20, 1996](#)