

Digital Copyright Notice

The facts

Uploading or downloading copyrighted files may be a violation of the Morrisville State College [Code of Conduct for Computer Use](#) and/or the U.S. Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) of 1998. Violators of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act who have illegally shared copyrighted files are subject to civil penalties of between \$750 and \$150,000 per item (i.e. song, video, movie, game, software). Previous alleged DMCA violations at Morrisville State College have resulted in Recording Industry pre-litigation lawsuit settlements of **at least \$3,000.00 each** to more than 50 Morrisville students. Additionally, a court may, in its discretion, grant the copyright owner reasonable attorney fees. Although prosecution of students for this type of file sharing is extremely rare, 17 USC § 506 lays out criminal penalties for intentional copyright infringement which can include fines and jail time.

At Morrisville

Morrisville State College has implemented a technology-based deterrent to combat unauthorized peer-to-peer file sharing, namely Audible Magic's CopySense Network Appliance. If the CopySense Network Appliance detects a copyrighted file transfer, the actual transfer is blocked and the individual is redirected to an [educational webpage](#) describing the consequences of unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material.

Additionally, Morrisville State College has a "one-strike and you are out" rule and disables an individual's network access if a copyright infringement notification is received. The alleged infringer must then meet personally with a Technology Services staff member for a one-on-one educational dialogue on copyright prior to regaining access to the network.

The information in this Digital Copyright Notice is reviewed and affirmed by Morrisville State College students annually.

Alternatives

For a list of legal websites for music, please visit the either [MusicUnited](#) or [Educause](#).