

## **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

(King's College Student Handbook, pgs. 77-78)

King's College supports the following statement from the Educom Code: "Respect for intellectual labor and creativity is vital to academic discourse and enterprise. This principle applies to works of all authors and publishers in all media. It encompasses respect for the right to acknowledgment, right to privacy, and right to determine the form, manner, and terms of publications and distribution. Because electronic information is volatile and easily reproduced, respect for the work and personal expression of others is especially critical in computer environments. Violations of authorial integrity, including plagiarism, invasion of privacy, unauthorized access, and trade secret and copyright violations, may be grounds for sanctions against members of the academic community."

### **COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT AND ILLEGAL FILE SHARING POLICY**

Peer-to-peer file sharing programs that are often used to share copyrighted films, electronic games, software, and music are considered unlawful and illegal. Students attempting to use College resources for the purpose of distributing or obtaining copyrighted material via peer-to-peer file sharing may subject themselves to civil or criminal penalties. King's College supports the following statement from Educom: "Respect for the intellectual labor and creativity is vital to academic discourse and enterprise. This principle applies to works of authors and publishers in all media. It encompasses respect for the right to acknowledgment, right to privacy, and right to determine the form, manner, and terms of publications and distribution. Because electronic information is volatile and easily reproduced, respect for the work and personal expression of others is especially critical in computer environments. Violations of authorial integrity, including plagiarism, invasion of privacy, unauthorized access, and trade secret and copyright violations, may be grounds for sanctions against members of the academic community."

Student violation(s) of electronic copyright law shall subject them to a formal disciplinary process and may result in the loss of their computing, network, and Internet privileges at the College. Illegal acts involving College computing resources may also subject violators to prosecution by local, state, or federal authorities.

Students found using the College's network and computer resources for illegal peer-to-peer file sharing will be subjected to a formal disciplinary

process, which may result in the loss of their computing, network, and Internet privileges at the College. Such illegal acts may also subject violators to prosecution by local, state, or federal authorities.

King's College reserves the right to limit access to specific network resources at specific times in order to guarantee that the academic and administrative missions of the College are achieved in an efficient and effective manner. The College uses Allot NetEnforcer as its traffic-shaping device on all inbound and outbound Internet traffic. All known and perceived peer-to-peer applications are prohibited on the network. Bit-torrent traffic is blocked, as is all traffic that appears to exhibit the characteristics of a peer-to-peer connection. Network users cannot share files from their computer to any other computer(s) anywhere. Additionally, users cannot access file shares on any computer(s) anywhere.

Several online services such as Napster, iTunes, and Rhapsody allow for the legal downloading of music. The College does allow access to these legal music sites. King's College does not endorse or recommend that students choose any one of these services over another.