Carl Sandburg College is committed to educating its faculty, staff, and students on issues of copyright and fair use. The Copyright Act of 1976 is contained in Title 17 of the United States Code. This basic framework of copyright law has been amended frequently since 1976. In addition, the 1998 Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) places additional restrictions about copying resources in electronic format. The 2002 Technology, Education, and Copyright Harmonization (TEACH) Act covers copyright law in an online environment.

It is the intent of Carl Sandburg College to comply with these intellectual property, copyright, and fair use guidelines. Faculty, staff, and students are responsible for understanding this policy and shall be accountable for actions that willfully disregard it. The College will appoint a Copyright Compliance Officer to help provide guidance on current copyright law. Carl Sandburg College will monitor legal developments to ensure that the College practices remain compliant with the letter and spirit of the United States copyright law.