



## **Student Television Network**

# **Use of Copyrighted Materials in Student Television Network Activities**

The Student Television Network and its affiliates support and comply with United States copyright laws. It is the responsibility of every STN affiliate to ensure compliance.

1. In all STN sanctioned activities (including but not limited to contest submissions, on-site contests, and materials submitted for critique) participating schools shall certify that all audio and visual material they submit is fully the creation of the school submitting the work, or that written permission has been secured from the copyright holder to use the material in this instance, or is believed to fall under the “fair-use” portion of copyright law.
  - a. Licenses must include permission to incorporate the work into the entry; to reproduce and distribute copies of that entry; and to permit the entry to be displayed to audiences. Licenses without that permission will be ineffective.
  - b. Submissions claiming a “fair use” of the underlying work should additionally be accompanied by acknowledgement that the participants have reviewed the information provided to Student Television Network by the Student Press Law Center, and believe that copyrighted materials used in the production of this submission fall under the “Fair Use” portion of copyright law.

The Student Press Law Center will be happy to provide help or clarification at no charge. Call them at 703-807-1904.
  - c. All materials submitted must be accompanied by a statement from the teacher/adviser certifying copyright compliance (normally on the entry form).
2. A copy of “Copyrighted Music in High School News Broadcasts” from Student Press Law Center shall be included with STN contest information.
3. These guidelines shall apply to all STN-sanctioned activities, beginning with the 2005-2006 school year.