

**SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY**  
**HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY ACT (HEOA) COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**  
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**Introduction**

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) of 2008 specifies that regulations be published and promulgated regarding institutional efforts to reduce illegal uploading and downloading of electronic copyrighted work on campus networks. The law requires three things:

1. Institutions are required to make an annual disclosure to inform students that illegal distribution of copyrighted materials may subject them to criminal and civil penalties and describes the steps that institutions will take to detect and punish illegal distribution of copyrighted materials.
  
2. Institutions are required to certify to the Secretary of Education that they have developed plans to “effectively combat” the unauthorized distribution of electronic copyrighted material. In developing these plans, institutions are required to consider the use of technology-based deterrents. Report language that accompanies the law explicitly states that technology-based deterrents include “bandwidth shaping” and “traffic monitoring to identify the largest bandwidth users,” and indicates that certain education and enforcement programs will also qualify.
  
3. Institutions are required, “to the extent practicable,” to offer alternatives to illegal file sharing. Both the practicality and selection of alternatives are to be determined by the institution “in consultation with the chief technology officer or other designated officer of the institution.”

**Compliance with Annual Disclosure**

Syracuse University’s Chief Information Officer has approved a document entitled “File Sharing at Syracuse University” which can be found on the ITS web site at <http://its.syr.edu/filessharing>. Instructions to visit the web site will be emailed to all faculty, staff and students, and be included in the packet given to new residential students in August of each year, timed to coincide with the opening of the academic year.

**Compliance with Copyright Protection**

Information Technology and Services (ITS) has developed an “Electronic Copyright Protection Plan” which will be used to control Peer-to-Peer traffic and educate the University Community to the extent practicable. An annual report will be provided to the CIO at the end of each academic year which will contain an assessment of the effectiveness of the plan and any actions taken.

**Compliance with Alternative Notification**

Syracuse University does not offer services for downloading copyrighted materials. In the document "File Sharing at Syracuse University" the University refers students to a list of legal music sites on the web site of the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA).