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To assist the students, BCC faculty, administration, and student government will provide information about academic honesty, Copyright, Plagiarism, Fair Use, and the Digital Millennium Copyright Act:

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- information on academic honesty and plagiarism is in the Student Code of Conduct in BCC’s Policy and Procedures Manual, Section 5, and
- Copyright information is posted on the University/College Library’s Web page.

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