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COPYRIGHT ADVISORY FOR EDUCATORS

Copying Reproducibles

This document is composed of three parts:

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PART I

Advisory

When purchasing resources that include “reproducibles” (such as blackline masters), be aware that permission to copy a “reproducible” is changing.

PART II

Copyright Law

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A “reproducible” is an educational resource such as a blackline master, worksheet, or assignment sheet that is sold by publishers to schools and that, prior to 2010, included a written notice giving permission to copy the work.

PART III

Publishers' Change of Practice

When a school purchases a resource, it must now determine whether the right to copy any “reproducibles” in the resource is included with the purchase.

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