

# Is It Legal to Scan Students' Work in the US and UK?

**Yes, it's perfectly okay for a teacher to scan  
and make copies of students' work.**

- ✓ From a legal standpoint, when students submit their work for grading, the teacher has the right to read it, make all copies required to perform the task, and use it in class for illustrative and instructive purposes.
- ✓ Such use would be within the limits of Fair Use according to [section 107 of the U.S. Copyright Act](#) of the U.S. Copyright Law and The UK Fair Dealing described in [section 32 of the Copyright, Designs, and Patents Act 1988](#).
- ✓ In case multiple copies are made to be used as student handouts, however, certain requirements need to be met:
  1. Only a portion of the copyrighted work can be used.
  2. There has to be a copyright attribution.

# Is It Legal to Share Students' Work Online?

- ✓ While it's perfectly legal to photocopy students' work for educational purposes, sharing it online means using it outside the classroom context, which raises copyright concerns.
- ✓ Also, in the US, students' assignments may or may not be protected under [FERPA](#).
- ✓ The safest approach would be to get written consent from students before sharing their work online.
- ✓ If you create a consent form template and have your students complete and sign a consent form, you'll no longer have to worry about copyright or FERPA when sharing their work online.



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