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**NETS Standard 4: Promote and Model Digital Citizenship and Responsibility:** Teachers understand local and global societal issues and responsibilities in an evolving digital culture and exhibit legal and ethical behavior in their professional practices. Teachers:  
A. Advocate, model, and teach safe, legal, and ethical use of digital information and technology, including respect for copyright, intellectual property, and the appropriate documentation of sources.

During the time I took MEDT 6401, I noticed that many of my sixth grade students did not understand that copying and pasting a poem or information from the internet into a PowerPoint presentation is plagiarizing. They were unaware that they needed to cite their sources. After I completed this assignment, I was better equipped to explain and show why it is wrong to use information from the internet without using proper citation. According to NETS Standard 4A - it is important to teach students about copyright and intellectual property as well as correct documentation of proper sources.

Now when I begin the school year, I start out with a lesson about copyright and citing sources correctly and then I introduce the meaning of copyright laws to students and why they exist in the United States. We visit the websites that are part of this assignment so students can actually see that these laws do exist. Students then take a mini quiz about what we cover and I have them keep the information in their notebook as a reference tool. They are required to sign all required documents before getting on the internet. As a result of this lesson plagiarizing has decreased.