

# Digital Signature Act

The Clinton Digital Signature Act and College Policy requires Charter Oak to:

- "Validate" a signature, and
- "Authenticate" it

Without logging into the COSC student portal using a **username and password** or signing a **wet signature** to a document to verify against signatures on other documents, there is no way for Charter Oak to "Authenticate" that a signature is valid. This is for the students protection. All of our safe guards are in place to prevent fraud on student accounts. Since Charter Oak is an online college, it is imperative that we follow these protocols to protect our students against fraud.