

**Rockingham Community College**  
**Acceptable Use Policy Statement of Clarification**  
**Regarding Social Networking and Entertainment Websites**

According to the Rockingham Community College Acceptable Use Policy, “access to resources on campus, including use of college equipment, the campus network, and the Internet, is provided to support the research, educational and administrative purposes of the College. All who use these services will do so responsibly, respecting the rights of other users, the integrity of the physical facilities and all applicable laws and regulations.”

While the primary purpose of RCC technology resources is to support the research, educational and administrative purposes of the College, RCC will provide limited access to social networking and entertainment websites in order to meet the personal needs of our students, faculty and staff. Access to these sites will be available on the wireless networks in the Whitcomb Student Center, James Library and Advanced Technologies Building. In order to meet the needs of curriculum students who do not have personal laptops or other wireless devices, wireless laptops are available for checkout in the Library. There will also be a limited number of hardwired machines available with access to social networking and entertainment websites in the Multimedia Learning Center located in the Advanced Technologies Building and in the Library.

The RCC Acceptable Use Policy states that the “creation and/or transmission of threatening, racist, sexist, obscene, offensive, annoying, or harassing language and/or material is prohibited. Display of the aforementioned language and material is permitted only as it pertains to academic objectives.” In keeping with the intent of the policy, pornography will be blocked from Internet access on the Rockingham Community College network.

In addition, RCC will block all known high risk websites that pose a threat of introducing viruses, harmful files, and other methods of vandalism into the campus network.

If at any time access to a site needed for research, educational or administrative purposes is found to be blocked, please notify the Director of Technology Support Services. Every effort will be made to accommodate your needs while protecting the integrity of our network.