

ROCKINGHAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Access to resources on campus, including the use of Rockingham Community College (RCC) equipment, the campus network, and the Internet, is provided to support the research, educational, and administrative purposes of RCC. 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.

The following guidelines describe the college's expectations and the users' responsibilities regarding acceptable use of college electronic resources:

- Access to the campus network and Internet is a privilege and those granted privileges are responsible for using these resources in an ethical and lawful manner.
- The RCC campus network and college-owned software, resources, and equipment are not to be used for commercial purposes.
- Computer software is protected by federal copyright law and by legal binding agreements. Users are responsible for any unauthorized software used on the system.
- Creation and/or transmission of threatening, racist, sexist, obscene, offensive, annoying, or harassing language and/or material are prohibited. Display and viewing of the aforementioned language and/or material via RCC resources are permitted only as they pertain to academic objectives.
- Intentional access to the College's network or resources for the purposes of damaging or altering systems or information is prohibited and unlawful. This includes, but is not limited to, the introduction of viruses or harmful files, hacking, and other methods of vandalism.
- Users of the unsecured RCC wireless network are responsible for ensuring they have the appropriate compliant wireless card and are running up-to-date antivirus and antispyware software on their wireless devices. The level of security of transactions, hard drive files, and general web surfing will depend on the level of security precautions users have taken with their computers.
- Users must protect all RCC-owned or authorized data on both personal and RCC-owned portable computing devices, removable storage components, and removable computer media from unauthorized access.

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, the Director of Technology Support Services should be notified. Every effort will be made to accommodate your needs while protecting the integrity of the RCC network.

Anyone violating these guidelines may immediately be suspended from all computing resource privileges. Upon proof of such violations, RCC retains the right to permanently deny all future computing privileges and services. Violators will be subject to disciplinary actions, including suspension of student status or termination of employment.