Student Computer Use Policy
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Network and computer resources are made available to all students of Covenant College and other individuals as designated by the Director of Technology Services and the Department of Records. Students are expected to behave in a way that honors and glorifies Christ at all times with regard to the treatment and use of these resources. Any behavior that is disruptive (or is an attempt to be disruptive) to the normal operation of college resources or that is in violation of the policies stated herein will not be tolerated and will be subject to institutional disciplinary processes, as well as referred to municipal, state and federal agencies when appropriate. Covenant College reserves the right to immediately disable any accounts and network devices to enforce these policies. Students are responsible for any activity that occurs with their accounts, unless further investigation reveals evidence of unauthorized access. Students are strongly encouraged to guard their account information in the same manner as any other sensitive information, such as Social Security numbers or bank account information. When students graduate, or are no longer enrolled for classes, they will be notified by email of the termination date of their account.

Communications

Any use of Covenant College's computer or telephone network to send threatening or harassing communications is forbidden. Constructing a communication to falsify or conceal its origin is forbidden. Any communications that are repeated and/or unwanted can be considered harassment. Covenant College's communications networks, including all related equipment and connected devices, are provided only for authorized Covenant College use. Any devices connected to these networks may be monitored for all lawful purposes, including:

- to ensure that their use is authorized,
- for management of the system,
- to facilitate protection against unauthorized access,
- to verify security procedure,
- to verify survivability and operational security

This monitoring will only be permitted by persons and/or agencies authorized by the Director of Technology Services. During monitoring, information may be examined, recorded, copied and used for authorized purposes only. All information, including personal information, placed on or sent over Covenant College's infrastructure may be monitored. Any unauthorized attempts to intercept such communications, including sniffing and tapping communications networks are forbidden. Students may only scan equipment they personally own for security vulnerabilities. Discovery of a security problem, whether discovered inadvertently or intentionally, must be reported to the Director of Technology Services immediately. The college retains the right to block or disable network applications that use excessive network bandwidth and/or facilitate illegal activity. Peer-to-Peer applications are expressly forbidden.

E-mail is an official channel of communication for Covenant College. Students are expected to check their Covenant e-mail account on a regular basis.

Student Owned Equipment

After registration with Covenant College, students are permitted to connect their personally owned equipment to the wireless network. Plugging into the wired LAN ports is not permitted.

Students are permitted to run their own servers on the wireless network and to share files and other resources, granted those servers or file shares are not used to facilitate the illegal transfer of copyrighted material or material which violates guidelines laid out in The Student Handbook. Covenant College retains the right to revoke this privilege if a server is inappropriate or degrades network performance. The college is not responsible for software installed on non-institutionally owned equipment, therefore students are responsible to ensure that all software installed on the computers is legally licensed. If during maintenance, illegally licensed software or material which violates the guidelines in The Student Handbook is discovered, it will be reported to the Student Development Office. If a student owned computer is disconnected for a policy violation, the student may be sent to Student Development for disciplinary action.

Lab Machines

Lab machines are provided for academic use. Students are encouraged to be considerate of others and limit use of recreational activities during peak times in the semester. Food and drink are not permitted in the labs and will be subject to removal.

Content Filtering

The college utilizes content filtering software to prevent access to web sites forbidden by Student Development's Standards of Conduct as outlined in the Student Handbook. Attempting to circumvent the content filtering system is forbidden.

In contract with Covenant College, Inc., I hereby certify that I have read the above statement and do agree to abide by the conditions stated as long as I am a student of Covenant College.