ACCEPTABLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY AND EMAIL

Broward College Policy and Procedure 8.01 and 8.03 (http://www.broward.edu/legal/policies-and-procedures/_docs/policy/6hx2-8.03.pdf)

Broward College provides all students with Network and Internet access when on College property, which is also available via remote access, for academic purposes. Inappropriate use of Broward College technology resources may result in the loss of network and application access, and may lead to possible disciplinary actions. With the exception of academic reasons, Broward College prohibits students from using the Internet to intentionally visit sites that are pornographic, sexually explicit, racially or ethnically biased or harassing or offensive in any way, either in graphic or text form. Broward College reserves the right to monitor any and all usage of College network, email, application activities including Internet access.

Only authorized Broward College employees or vendors will install software on College computers. Computers and hardware devices that are designated as part of a curriculum may be modified by students enrolled in the associated courses as required by the curriculum.

The following activities are prohibited:

- attempts in any way to interfere with the availability or quality of service, and/or damaging College network devices;
- storing, downloading, posting, or displaying obscene or offensive data, even temporarily, in areas where someone might view them passively or inadvertently, except in cases where academically necessary;
- attempts to circumvent established security procedures or to obtain access privileges to which a user is not entitled;
- unauthorized access, alternation, or destruction of another user's data, programs, or electronic mail;
- attempts to obtain unauthorized access to either local or remote computer systems or networks;
- manipulation of others to gain information for the purpose of gaining access to commit fraud or damage to the system;
- using a program or procedure that looks like a normal logon process but instead records the user's password and user name;
- executing any form of network monitoring which will intercept data not intended for the user's host;
- attempting port scanning, network sniffing packet spoofing, denial of service and forged routing information;
- using any program, script, command, or sending messages of any kind with the intent to interfere with or disable a user's network session;
- theft or destruction of computer hardware or software, and
- any criminal activity or any conduct that violates applicable local state, federal and international laws.

Broward College utilizes our email system as our primary means of communicating with students. Students are expected to regularly check their college e-mail account to ensure they are kept up to date on official College correspondence. There is no guarantee of security or confidentiality from inappropriate use of the email system. Students shall not use e-mail to transmit messages that contain remarks, images, or content that can be considered defamatory, offensive, harassing, disruptive, derogatory, racial or ethnic slurs or pornographic comments or images. Students shall not use email to transmit passwords or any other authentication information for or about Broward College's computer and/or network systems. Students shall not use email to transmit chain letters. Students shall never e-mail or otherwise knowingly transmit any attachment that is suspected of containing malicious content. Email may not be used to impersonate another person or misrepresent authorization to act on behalf of others or the college. Other acceptable uses of the Broward College email system can be found in our Policy and Procedures manual.