2.50 - Information Technology Resources Acceptable Use Policy

Acceptable use policy for all information technology resources at OTC is based on common sense, common decency, and civility applied to a networked computing environment. Use of OTC information technology resources is a privilege and assumes responsible, ethical and legal conduct by the user. Abuse of this privilege can result in penalties ranging from a reprimand, to loss of access, to referral to College authorities for disciplinary or legal action. Use of the College's computer resources is subject to all College policies and all local, state, and federal laws including but not limited to

1. RSMo 569.094-569.099 concerning computer crime,

2. RSMo 573.010-573.065 concerning pornography and related offenses, and

3. The federal Communications Decency Act of 1996.

Users have a lessened expectation of privacy when using computer resources owned by public institutions. Issuance of a password or other means of access is not a guarantee of privacy or license for abuse or improper use of OTC's computing resources and facilities. Computer use may be monitored. Criminal, illegal and inappropriate use and all other actions which may be disruptive to the mission and goals of OTC may involve, but are not limited to:

1. Unauthorized Access

2. Intentional Corruption or Misuse of Computing Resources

3. Commercial Use

4. Theft

5. Defamation

6. Obscenity, Pornography, and Child Pornography

7. Copyright Infringement

8. Harassment or Abuse Based on Hate, Race, Ethnicity, National Origin, Disability, Age, Religion, or Gender.

Ozarks Technical Community College provides students, faculty, staff, and members of the public with access to campus and global information resources through networked computing technology to enhance its educational, social, cultural and economic missions and in service to its many constituencies. The primary function of information technology resources at OTC is to support instruction and administration; other activities are secondary and may be subject to

limitations. Specific guidelines and procedures for use of OTC information technology resources are available on request from the Instructional Networking Support and Student Services offices and the Learning Resources Center and may be subject to change without notice, given the nature of this technology.

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