

## **AP 3720 Computer and Network Use**

The District Computer and Network systems are the sole property of Chaffey Community College District. They may not be used by any person without the proper authorization of the District. The Computer and Network systems are for District instructional and work related purposes only.

This procedure applies to all District students, faculty, staff, and to others granted use of District technology resources. This procedure refers to all District technology resources whether individually controlled or shared, stand-alone or networked. It applies to all computer and computer communication facilities owned, leased, operated, or contracted by the District. This includes personal computers, workstations, mainframes, minicomputers, and associated peripherals, software and technology resources, regardless of whether used for administration, research, teaching or other purposes.

### **Conditions of Use**

Individual units within the District may define additional conditions of use for technology resources under their control. These statements must be consistent with this overall procedure but may provide additional detail, guidelines and/or restrictions.

### **Legal Process**

This procedure exists within the framework of BP 3720 titled Computer and Network Use and state and federal laws. A user of District technology resources who is found to have violated any of these policies will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including but not limited to loss of technology resources privileges; disciplinary suspension or termination from employment or expulsion; and/or civil or criminal legal action.

### **Copyrights and Licenses**

Computer users must respect copyrights and licenses to software and other on-line information.

### **Copying**

Software protected by copyright may not be copied except as expressly permitted by the owner of the copyright or otherwise permitted by copyright law. Protected software may not be copied into, from, or by any District facility or system, except pursuant to a valid license or as otherwise permitted by copyright law.

### **Number of Simultaneous Users**

The number of simultaneous users of a software product must not exceed the number of licensed copies purchased by the District, unless otherwise stipulated in the purchase contract.



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### **Copyrights**

In addition to software, all other copyrighted information (text, images, icons, programs, etc.) retrieved from computer or network resources must be used in conformance with applicable copyright and other law. Copied material must be properly attributed. Plagiarism of computer information is prohibited in the same way that plagiarism of any other protected work is prohibited.

### **Integrity of Technology Resources**

Computer users must respect the integrity of computer-based technology resources.

### **Relocation or Removal of District Equipment**

With the exception of portable equipment (e.g. laptops, tablets, etc.), computer users must not attempt to relocate or remove District computer equipment, or peripherals.

### **Installation or Modification of District Equipment**

Computer users must not attempt to install or modify District computer equipment, software, or peripherals without the assistance of Information Technology Services.

### **Unauthorized Use**

Computer users must not interfere with others access and use of the District computers. This includes but is not limited to: the sending of chain letters or excessive messages, either locally or off-campus; printing excess copies of documents, files, data, or programs, running grossly inefficient programs when efficient alternatives are known by the user to be available; unauthorized modification of system facilities, operating systems, or disk partitions; attempting to crash or tie up a District computer or network; and damaging or vandalizing District computing facilities, equipment, software or computer files.

### **Unauthorized Programs**

Computer users must not intentionally develop or use programs which disrupt other computer users or which access private or restricted portions of the system, or which damage the software or hardware components of the system. Computer users must ensure that they do not use programs or utilities that interfere with other computer users or that modify normally protected or restricted portions of the system or user accounts. The use of any unauthorized or destructive program will result in disciplinary action as provided in this procedure, and may further lead to civil or criminal legal proceedings.

### **Unauthorized Access**

Computer users must not seek to gain unauthorized access to technology resources and must not assist any other persons to gain unauthorized access.

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Unauthorized equipment includes, but is not limited to, the connection of personally-owned laptops, desktop computers, and peripherals. Only District-owned or authorized equipment may be connected to the Chaffey network.

### **Abuse of Computing Privileges**

Users of District technology resources must not access computers, computer software, computer data or information, or networks without proper authorization, or intentionally enable others to do so, regardless of whether the computer, software, data, information, or network in question is owned by the District. For example, abuse of the networks to which the District belongs or the computers at other sites connected to those networks will be treated as an abuse of District computing privileges.

### **Reporting Problems**

Any defects discovered in system accounting or system security must be reported promptly to the appropriate system administrator so that steps can be taken to investigate and solve the problem.

### **Password Protection**

A computer user who has been authorized to use a password-protected account may be subject to both civil and criminal liability if the user discloses the password or otherwise makes the account available to others without permission of the system administrator.

### **Usage**

Computer users must respect the rights of other computer users. Attempts to circumvent these mechanisms in order to gain unauthorized access to the system or to another person's information are a violation of District procedure and may violate applicable law.

### **Unlawful Messages**

Users may not use electronic communication facilities to send defamatory, fraudulent, harassing, obscene, threatening, or other messages that violate applicable federal, state or other law or District policy, or which constitute the unauthorized release of confidential information. The District recognizes that the Chaffey College Faculty Association (CCFA) shall have the right to use the college's regular communication distribution system for Association communications.

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### **Information Belonging to Others**

Users must not intentionally seek or provide information on, obtain copies of, or modify data files, or programs belonging to other users, without the permission of those other users or the District.

### **Rights of Individuals**

Users must not release any individual's (student, faculty, and staff) personal information to anyone without proper authorization.

### **User identification**

Users shall not send communications or messages anonymously or without accurately identifying the originating account or station.

### **Commercial Use**

District technology resources should not be used for commercial purposes. Users also are reminded that the ".cc" and ".edu" domains on the Internet have rules restricting or prohibiting commercial use, and users may not conduct activities not appropriate within those domains. Electronic communication facilities may not be used to transmit commercial or personal advertisements, solicitations, or promotions unless approved by the Superintendent/President or designee.

### **Political and Personal Use**

The District is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization and, as such, is subject to specific federal, state, and local laws regarding sources of income, political activities, use of property and similar matters:

- District technology resources must not be used for partisan political activities where prohibited by federal, state, or other applicable laws.
- District technology resources should not be used for personal activities not related to appropriate District functions, except in a purely incidental manner.

### **Nondiscrimination**

All users have the right to be free from any conduct connected with the use of the Chaffey Community College District network and computer resources which discriminates against any person on the basis of national origin, religion, age, gender, gender identity, gender expression, race or ethnicity, color, medical condition, genetic information, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, physical or mental disability, pregnancy, or because he/she is perceived to have one or more of the foregoing characteristics, or because of his/her association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. No user shall use the District network and computer resources to transmit any message, create any communication of any kind, or store information which violates any District procedure regarding discrimination

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or harassment, or which is defamatory or obscene, or which constitutes the unauthorized release of confidential information.

### **Disclosure**

#### **No Expectation of Privacy**

The District reserves the right to monitor all use of the District network and computer to assure compliance with these policies. Users should be aware that they have no expectation of privacy in the use of the District network and computer resources. The District will exercise this right only for legitimate District purposes, including but not limited to ensuring compliance with this procedure and the integrity and security of the system.

#### **Possibility of Disclosure**

Users must be aware of the possibility of unintended disclosure of communications.

#### **Retrieval**

It may be possible for information entered on or transmitted via computer and communications systems to be retrieved, even if a user has deleted such information.

#### **Public Records**

The California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250 et seq.) includes computer transmissions in the definition of “public record” and nonexempt communications made on the District network and computer must be disclosed if requested by a member of the public.

#### **Litigation**

Computer transmissions and electronically stored information may be discoverable in litigation.

#### **Dissemination and User Acknowledgment**

A copy of this procedure is available on the District’s website. Employees must sign an Employee Network/Email Account Form and Accountability Statement before they will be granted access to the District’s network.

References: 17 U.S. Code Sections 101 et seq.;  
Penal Code Section 502, Cal. Const., Art. 1 Section 1;  
Government Code Section 3543.1(b);  
Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rules 16, 26, 33, 34, 37, 45  
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