

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON INTERIM POLICY ON ACCESS AND ACCEPTABLE USE OF UNIVERSITY COMPUTER AND INFORMATIONAL RESOURCES

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1. Resources

The University of Akron is a state of Ohio institution dedicated to the advancement of education and research. To assist in carrying out the instructional, research, and administrative goals of The University of Akron, computer facilities and computer access codes (called user IDs) are made available to University faculty, students, staff and approved guests. These facilities include computing, networking, telephone, and information resources. The University is an equal opportunity, educational institution.

2. Privileges and Responsibilities

The University of Akron provides computer and informational resources and accounts to the University community in keeping with its academic, instructional, research, administrative and public purpose. Access and usage which do not support the University purpose are subject to restriction and regulation to avoid interference with University work and other applicable directives. All users are obligated to abide by University directives, policies and regulations regarding usage.

3. Responsibility, Acceptable Access and Use Standards

Users are expected to use computing and information resources in a responsible and efficient manner consistent with the instructional, research, and administrative goals of the University of Akron. The University of Akron provides academic computing resources to support its missions of education and research and to foster a community of scholarly inquiry. Use of University computer facilities and computer access codes (called user IDs) must comply with Ohio law and University policies and directives.

4. Misuse

Privileges of usage may be denied or removed for the following:

- a. Harassment or violating the privacy of others.
- b. Destruction or damage to equipment, software, or data belonging to the University or others.
- c. Disruption or performing unauthorized monitoring of electronic communications.
- d. Violating computer system security.
- e. Use, without authority, of computer accounts or access codes.
- f. Use of computing facilities for purposes unrelated to the mission of the University.
- g. Violating copyrights and software license agreements.
- h. Academic dishonesty, such as plagiarism, and scientific misconduct.
- i. Violating applicable University policies, including but not limited to sexual harassment, student disciplinary procedures, access and use of computing, networking, telephone, and information resources, etc.
- j. Committing crimes or prohibited acts. [Note: Illegal acts involving The University of Akron informational resources facilities may also be subject to prosecution by state and federal authorities].

