

# Acceptable Use Policy

These guidelines are to assist with the interpretation and administration of the *Acceptable Use Policy for Information Technology Resources*. They outline the responsibilities each student and employee assumes when using information technology resources.

The purpose of information technology resources is to provide educational resources for Wallace Community College students and employees. Access to these resources is a privilege and must be treated with the highest standard of ethics. The College expects all students and employees to use information technology resources in a responsible manner, respecting the public trust through which they have been provided, the rights and privacy of others, the integrity of the facilities and pertinent laws, and College policies and standards.

This policy outlines the standards for acceptable use of Wallace Community College information technology resources, which include, but are not limited to, equipment, software, networks, data, and telephones.

This policy applies to all users of College information technology resources, including the faculty and staff, students, guests, organizations, and individuals accessing external network services, such as the Internet via College facilities. Violation of this policy may result in suspension or revocation of user privileges, administrative discipline, or immediate termination of the violator's relationship with Wallace Community College and could lead to criminal and civil prosecution.

Acceptable use of the College Internet connection provided via the Alabama Research and Education Network (AREN) is also governed by this document. Any activity that is not listed here that violates local, state, or federal laws, or violates the AREN *Acceptable Use Policy* is also considered a violation of the Wallace Community College *Acceptable Use Policy for Information Technology Resources*.