



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 3357:15-15-05 Use of college computing and information resources.

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(A) As a part of the physical and social learning infrastructure, Stark state college acquires, develops, and maintains computers, computer systems, and networks. These computing resources are intended for college-related purposes, including direct and indirect support of the college's instruction, research, and service missions; of college administrative functions; of student and campus life activities; and of the free exchange of ideas among members of the college community and between the college community and the wider local, national, and world communities.

(B) The rights of academic freedom and freedom of expression apply to the use of college computing resources. So, too, however, do the responsibilities and limitations associated with those rights. The use of college computing resources, like the use of any other college-provided resource and like any other college-related activity, is subject to the normal requirements of legal and ethical behavior within the college community. Thus, legitimate use of a computer, computer system, or network does not extend to whatever is technically possible. Although some limitations are built into computer operating systems and networks, those limitations are not the sole restrictions on what is permissible. Users must abide by all applicable restrictions, whether or not they are built into the operating system or network and whether or not they can be circumvented by technical means.

(C) This policy applies to all users of college computing resources, whether affiliated with the college or not, and to all uses of those resources, whether on campus or from remote locations. Computing resources include technology that stores, processes, or transmits data/information. Examples include, but are not limited to, desktop computers, tablets, laptop computers, cell phones, desk and conference phones, hotspots, network equipment, servers, uninterruptible power supplies, power supplies, projectors, displays, audio equipment, cables, control panels, storage devices, cameras, radios, scanners, printers, software, cloud services, and instructional technology. Additional policies may apply to specific computers, computer systems, or networks provided or operated by specific units of the college or to uses within specific units.