Computer and Internet Acceptable Use Policy

The VCUarts Pre-College Summer Intensive provides computer equipment and services for academic and artistic purposes only. Academic and artistic purposes include those purposes directly related to an assignment. Access to the Internet is provided to improve learning and teaching through research, collaboration, and use of materials and resources. Access to computers carries responsibility for the proper use of the computing facilities. The Summer Intensive recognizes that most students are responsible and thoughtful users. The actions of a few irresponsible users, however, can disrupt and interfere with the right of all users.

Procedures

Computer users must abide by the rules set forth. Inappropriate use may result in termination of computer privileges, disciplinary action and/or other actions determined appropriate, including legal action.

The following are examples of computer and network use infractions that are prohibited for students:

- Using the computer for purposes other than academic purposes.
- System tampering (any unauthorized alteration of operating systems, individuals’ accounts, software and/or other programs)
- Obtaining or using obscene, vulgar, abusive or inappropriate language, pictures or other material.
- Knowingly introducing viruses.
- Vandalizing, including equipment damage and willful tampering of data or software.
- Attempting to decrypt passwords.
- Attempting to gain unauthorized higher level of network privilege and access.
- Attempting to gain unauthorized access to remote systems.
- Deliberately interfering with other users.
- Attempting to libel, slander or harass other users.
- Unauthorized copying or transferring of copyrighted materials, including, but not limited to music, movies or videos, or any other violation of Copyright laws.
- Placing copyrighted material on the network without permission of the author.
- Plagiarizing, which is the taking of someone’s words, ideas, or findings and intentionally presenting them as your own without properly giving credit to the source.
- Using the computer for illegal activities.
- Using commercial advertising, chain letters.
- Using e-mail or Usenet news groups without the director’s or a teacher’s permission.
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Student User Agreement and Parent Permission Form

As a user of computers and Internet Services provided by the Summer Intensive and Virginia Commonwealth University, I agree to comply with the stated Computer and Internet Acceptable Use Policy. I understand that violations of this policy may result in a loss of access to computers and Internet services as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

Name of Student    Signature    Date

As the parent or legal guardian of the student signing above, I hereby grant permission for my son or daughter to use the computers and Internet services provided by Virginia Commonwealth University and the Summer Intensive. I have read the stated Computer and Internet Acceptable Use Policy and understand that individuals and/or families may be held liable for violations of this policy. Violations may result in a loss of access to computers and Internet services as well as disciplinary or legal action. Acknowledging that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, I accept the responsibility of helping to convey appropriate standards for my son or daughter to follow when selecting, sharing, or exploring information and media.

Parent/Guardian Signature    Date