

# Wilson Community College

## Acceptable Use Policy for Students

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### Section 1. Audience

This Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) applies to all students enrolled in any class, on or off campus, who use any device (college-owned or personal) to connect to the College Network (wired or wireless) or access college-supported systems (e.g. Student Planning, LMS, etc.). It covers computers, networks, internet access, software, data, digital services, and other technologies such as Generative AI tools.

### Section 2. Acceptable Use

#### Acceptable Use

- Use college technology resources for coursework, research, communication with faculty and staff, and other approved educational activities.
- Keep personal devices updated with current antivirus protection, operating system updates, browser updates, and security patches.
- Scan downloaded files for malware before opening or sharing them.
- Store and share academic work and sensitive information only through approved college platforms, such as the Learning Management System or college email.
- Use internet streaming only when it supports educational activities and in a manner that does not impact network performance.

#### Prohibited Use (including but not limited to)

- Connecting personal devices to the wired campus network without written approval from Technology Support Services.
- Installing or using unauthorized networking equipment, such as personal wireless access points.
- Connecting jailbroken or rooted devices to the campus network.
- Sharing usernames, passwords, or authentication tools with others.
- Attempting to bypass security measures or gain unauthorized access to systems, accounts, or data.
- Using password-cracking tools, packet sniffers, port scanners, or similar technologies without authorization.
- Installing or distributing software on college-owned devices without approval from Technology Support Services.
- Sharing copyrighted materials or college-owned software without authorization.

- Entering sensitive or confidential information into unapproved AI platforms.
- Creating harmful, illegal, threatening, harassing, or obscene content or engaging in related activities.
- Using college technology resources for personal financial gain, political activities, or unauthorized fundraising.
- Engaging in activities that degrade network performance or interfere with others' access to technology resources.

### **Section 3. Violations**

Students who violate this policy may lose access to college technology resources and may be subject to disciplinary action, academic consequences, or legal action when applicable.

### **Section 4. Privacy**

Students should have no expectation of privacy when using Wilson Community College technology systems, networks, or equipment. The College may monitor activity and access files when necessary to maintain security, investigate potential policy violations, or comply with applicable laws and regulations.

### **Section 5. Disclaimer**

Students are responsible for protecting their personal devices and data. Wilson Community College is not responsible for damage to personal devices or the loss of data that may occur while using the college network or technology resources.

### **Section 6. Policy Acknowledgement**

By using Wilson Community College technology resources, students agree to follow this policy. The policy is available on the college website, in the College Catalog, and in the Learning Management System (LMS).