



NORTHWEST
MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

INFORMATION SYSTEMS (CAMPUS COMPUTING) POLICY

Policy Name:	Information Systems (Campus Computing) Policy
Effective Date:	4/13/16
Responsible Office:	Information Technology
Category:	Information Technology

I. Purpose

It is the policy of Northwest to maintain access for the University community to local, national, and international sources of information and to provide an atmosphere that encourages the free exchange of ideas and sharing of information.

II. Policy

Access to the University's information technology services and resources is a privilege and not an absolute right and must conform to all laws, Northwest policy, and any policies specific to a service or resource. For more detailed information on acceptable usage of the Northwest Network and its resources review the Computing Policies at:

www.nwmissouri.edu/compserv/ClientComputing/ComputingPolicies.htm

Assuring network stability is a priority for Northwest's Information Technology. Northwest technology and computing policies safeguard the availability of campus shared services and resources, ensuring that approved uses are not negatively impacted or interrupted.

Preserving access to information resources is a University community effort that requires each member to act responsibly to protect network performance and stability. Therefore, both the University community as a whole and each individual, has an obligation to abide by Northwest's technology and computing policies to assure network stability and availability. University

information technology resources, including bandwidth and IP addresses, belong to Northwest, not to end-users. Northwest's Information Technology is responsible for managing network resources and allocating bandwidth by application priority to assure network stability and functionality.

Failure to comply with the appropriate use of Northwest's technology services and resources is in violation of Northwest Computing Policies and jeopardizes the atmosphere of information sharing, the free exchange of ideas, and the secure environment of creating and maintaining information property. Members of our community found using information technology services or resources for unethical and unacceptable practices will have violated this Policy and are subject to disciplinary proceedings including monetary fines, suspension or loss of system privileges, expulsion from the University, termination of employment and/or legal action as may be deemed appropriate.

Northwest reserves the right to limit and/or restrict the use of its information and technology services and resources based on institutional priorities and financial considerations, as well as when it is presented with evidence of an abuse of University policies, contractual agreements, or local, state and federal laws.

Members of the University community do not have an expectation of privacy of information stored and/or transmitted via University information technology services or resources. If a user is suspected of abusing this Policy, the University reserves the right to examine material stored on or transmitted through its facilities if there is cause to believe that a local, state, or federal law is being broken or the standards for acceptable and ethical use are being violated by a member of the University community.

The University reserves the right to monitor accounts, usage and information stored on or transmitted over its facilities/equipment if there is evidence of a policy violation, illegal or unethical use, or viral activity. (See Northwest's printed Computer User's Guide at: www.nwmissouri.edu/Compserv/ClientComputing/online_support for additional information.)