

# NATOMAS LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

## CODE OF COMPUTER ETHICS

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Use of the computer in the LRC is a privilege that shall not be abused. Users shall comply with all policies and regulations relating to computers. Users shall be held to a high standard of ethical behavior. The following are examples of unethical use:

- Transmitting unsolicited information which contains obscene, indecent, lewd or lascivious material, or other material which explicitly or implicitly refers to sexual conduct;
- Transmitting unsolicited information which contains profane language or panders to bigotry, sexism, or other forms of discrimination;
- Communicating any information concerning any password, identifying code, personal identification number or other confidential information without the permission of its owner or the controlling authority of the computer facility to which it belongs;
- Creating, modifying, executing or retransmitting any computer program or instructions intended to gain unauthorized access to, or make unauthorized use of, a computer facility;
- Creating, modifying, executing or retransmitting any computer program instructions intended to obscure the true identity of the sender of electronic mail or electronic messages, collectively referred to as "messages" including, but not limited to, forgery of messages and/or alteration of system and/or user data to identify the sender of messages;
- Accessing or intentionally destroying software or licensed software in a computer facility without the permission of the owner or licensed software or the authority of the facility;
- Making unauthorized copies of licensed software;
- Communicating any credit card number or other financial account number without the written permission of its owner;
- Violating any laws or participating in the commission or furtherance of any crime or other unlawful or improper purpose;
- Using computer facilities in a manner inconsistent with the District's contractual obligations to suppliers of computer facilities or with any published District policy;
- Using the Internet to gain unauthorized access to any computer;
- Using computer facilities for work done on behalf of a commercial firm;
- Copying a file from another computer user's account or floppy disk without permission;
- Copying copyrighted computer software for use on another computer;
- Unplugging or reconfiguring computer equipment to make it unusable or difficult to use;
- Engaging in personal attacks: writing bullying, intimidating, threatening, or harassing entries;
- Making threats (directed towards other or yourself) without expecting the recipients of those threats, the college, and the police to consider them real;
- Displaying sexually explicit harassing images or text in a public computer facility or location that can potentially be in view of other individuals.