1.9 - Internet Usage Policy

The purpose of this policy is to establish the acceptable usage of West Virginia University at Parkersburg internet resources, which are provided by WVUP to faculty, staff, students, and third parties for the purpose of the advancement of WVUP's mission statement.

This policy applies to all faculty, staff, students, and third parties who utilize any WVUP-provided internet connection.

Policy

Users of WVUP internet resources must adhere to all applicable WVUP policies, standards, contracts and licenses, as well as applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

WVUP internet resources shall only be used by authorized individuals for the purpose for which the access was granted.

Incidental personal usage of internet resources is permitted; however, users of WVUP-provided internet resources are advised that they should have no expectation of privacy or confidentiality in connection with the personal usage of these resources. Personal use is permitted if and only if the user does not:

- Consume more than a trivial amount of network resources that would otherwise be used for academic and administrative purposes.
- interfere with employee and student productivity
- preempt any academic and administrative activity
- promote or result in a hostile work or academic environment

West Virginia University at Parkersburg Office of Information Technology reserves the right to monitor internet activity for operational needs and to ensure compliance with applicable laws and WVUP policies and procedures.

Rights and Responsibilities

All users of WVUP internet resources are expected to use good judgement and common sense. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Using WVUP internet resources in a lawful and appropriate manner
- Respecting the rights and privacy of others
- Using the college's trademarks and logos only as authorized and not representing personal comments as being those of the college.

Unacceptable Internet Usage

The following constitutes unacceptable usage of WVUP internet resources:

- Bypassing or circumventing security and content filters by using a proxy service or other means such as VPN.
- Using college technology or network resources for one's own commercial gain, or for other commercial purposes not expressly approved by the University.
- Using college technology or network resources to operate or support a personal or other non-University-related business.

Violations

Violation or non-compliance of this standard will be addressed in accordance with established college disciplinary policies and procedures, as issued and enforced by the appropriate authorities. Failure to comply with this or other related standards may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination of one's employment or studies.