

Information Technology Resources Use Policy

Information technology resources include, but are not limited to: computers, portable devices such as tablets, local and wide area networks, printers, other peripherals, software systems, data, electronic mail, web-based learning software/platform, and the Internet.

Access to Pathways College's computer systems and network imposes certain responsibilities and obligations as set forth in this policy. Use of Pathways College's information technology resources shall constitute acceptance of the terms of this policy, any other applicable school policies, rules, and procedures, as well as local, state and federal laws.

IT resources may only be used for legitimate purposes and may not be used for any other purpose which is illegal, unethical, dishonest, damaging to the reputation of the school, or likely to subject the school to liability. Unacceptable uses include, but are not limited to:

- Harassment;
- Libel or slander;
- Fraud or misrepresentation;
- Using these resources for any political purpose
- Any use that violates local, state/provincial, or federal law and regulation;
- Disruption or unauthorized monitoring of electronic communications;
- Disruption or unauthorized changes to the configuration of antivirus software or any other security monitoring software;
- Unauthorized copying, downloading, file sharing, or transmission of copyright-protected material, including music;
- Violations of licensing agreements;
- Accessing another person's account without permission, using another person's user id or sharing your user id with another person;
- Distributing chain letters;
- Accessing online games or gambling sites;
- Introducing computer viruses, worms, Trojan Horses, or other programs that are harmful to computer systems, computers, or software;
- The use of restricted access computer resources or electronic information without or beyond a user's level of authorization;
- Providing information about or lists of Pathways College's users or students to parties outside Pathways College without expressed written permission;
- Downloading or storing school or student private information on portable computers or mobile storage devices;
- Making computer resources available to any person or entity not affiliated with the school;
- Posting, downloading, viewing, or sending obscene, pornographic, sexually explicit, hate related, or other offensive material, including child pornography;
- Academic dishonesty as defined in the school policy;
- Use of Pathways College logos, trademarks, or copyrights without prior approval;
- Use of the school's IT resources for private business or commercial purposes.