
Internet Course Responsibilities

Indian River State College Adult Education (AE) Learning OnLine

With opportunities to Learn OnLine come responsibilities.

This document contains the Acceptable Use Responsibilities for Learning OnLine in Adult Ed.

EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE

IRSC's AE webpages and online courses have been established for educational purposes. The term educational purpose includes academic activities, career development, and self-discovery activities.

UNACCEPTABLE USES

The following use of the course website and materials is considered unacceptable:

Posting of Personal Data

Do not post personal identifiable information about yourself or other people. This information includes things like Social Security number. (This is to protect you from identity theft!

Illegal Activities

Do not attempt to gain unauthorized access to the course website/system or go beyond your authorized access. This includes attempting to log in through another person's account or accessing another person's files. These actions are illegal,

even if only for the purpose of "browsing".

Do not make deliberate attempts to disrupt the course website/system or destroy data by spreading computer viruses or by any other means. These actions are illegal (f.s.815 Computer Related Crimes).

Do not use the course website/system to engage in any illegal act such as arranging for a drug sale, purchasing alcohol, engaging in criminal gang activity, threatening the safety of others, etc.

Tampering with the Security System

Notify the instructor immediately if you identify a possible security problem. "Hacking" may be construed as an illegal attempt to gain access.

Avoid the inadvertent spread of computer viruses by following virus protection procedures.

Inappropriate Language

Restrictions against inappropriate language apply to public messages, private messages, and materials posted to the website/system.

Do not use obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude,

threatening, or disrespectful language.

Do not harass another person. Harassment is persistently acting in a manner that distresses or annoys another person.

Do not knowingly or recklessly post false or defamatory information about a person or organization.

Do not post private information about another person.

RESPECTING RESOURCE LIMITS

Use of the course website/system is only for educational and career development activities.

Do not post chain letters or engage in "spamming". Spamming is sending an annoying or unnecessary message to a large number of people.

PLAGIARISM AND COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT

Plagiarism is taking the ideas or writings of others and presenting them as if they were yours. Plagiarism is illegal.

Copyright infringement occurs when you inappropriately reproduce a

work that is protected by a copyright. If a work contains language that specifies the appropriate use of that work, follow the expressed requirements. If you are unsure whether or not you can use a work, request permission from the owner.

See: [A Fair\(y\) Use Tale](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CJn_jC4FNDo&feature=youtu.be) (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CJn_jC4FNDo&feature=youtu.be).

INAPPROPRIATE ACCESS

Do not use the course website/system to access materials that are profane or obscene (pornography), that advocate illegal acts, or that advocate violence or discrimination toward other people (hate literature). A special exception may be made if the purpose of your access is to conduct research, and you have instructor approval and monitoring.

YOUR RIGHTS

Free Speech

Your right to free speech applies to your communication

on the course website/system. IRSC's AE webpages and online courses are considered a limited forum, similar to a school newspaper, and therefore teachers may restrict your speech for valid educational reasons. However, your speech will not be restricted on the basis of disagreement with the opinions you are expressing.

Search and Seizure

It is possible that authorities could conduct a search if there is reasonable suspicion that you have violated these responsibilities or the law. The investigation would be reasonable and related the suspected violation. Random checks by the teachers may occur to monitor usage.

Due Process

Educational facilities are to cooperate with local, state, or federal officials in any investigation related to any illegal activities conducted through website/system access. In the event there is a claim that you have violated these responsibilities, you are welcome to present an explanation.

Limitation of Liability

There are no guarantees that the functions provided by or through the course website/system will be error-free or without defect. There is no responsibility for any damage you may suffer, including, but not limited to, loss of data or interruption of service.

I have read the Internet Acceptable Use Responsibilities and understand its contents. My signature below means that I agree to follow these responsibilities.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature, if under 18 years of age

Date