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CCEPTABLE USE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the appropriate use of information technology resources at Westfield State University (WSU) and establish sanctions for violations of this policy. This policy is intended to protect the users of the University's information technology resources by ensuring a reliable and secure technology environment that supports the educational mission of the University. These resources are provided as a privilege to all Westfield State University employees, students, and authorized guests. The University seeks to ensure the integrity of information technology resources made available to the community and to prevent disruption to academic and administrative needs. This policy is not intended to inhibit the culture of intellectual inquiry, discourse, and academic freedom.

In general, the same ethical conduct that applies to the use of all University resources and facilities applies to the use of the University's information technology resources.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all students, faculty, and staff of the University, and to all other users who are authorized by the University to access its information technology resources. This policy is supplemented by the policies of those networks to which the University is interconnected, including, but not limited to, the University of Massachusetts Information Technology Systems group, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Information Technology Division, Umass Online, etc.

For the purposes of this policy, "Information Technology Resources" means all computer and communication facilities, services, data,

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