



IVS Ethics Statement and Acceptable Use Policy

Prior to beginning your first course, each IVS student must agree to this statement and policy to ensure the integrity of your educational experience.

ETHICS

As a student enrolled in an Illinois Virtual School course, I will abide by all rules and regulations published by the Illinois Virtual School, as well as the rules and regulations published by my local school. I agree that I am subject to the jurisdiction of all disciplinary panels and procedures established by the Illinois Virtual School and/or my local school, to address violations of rules of the Illinois Virtual School. All assignments I submit to the instructor and all tests I take shall be solely performed by me, except where the instructor has requested that I participate in a group project. I will not submit work that is plagiarized or otherwise violates copyright laws of the United States of America.

Internet - Terms and Conditions of Use

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies, and regional and state networks. In addition, the smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the end users who must adhere to strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided here so that you are aware of the responsibilities you are about to acquire. In general this requires efficient, ethical and legal utilization of the network resources. If an IVS user violates any of these provisions, his or her account will be terminated and future access could possibly be denied.

As a user of the Internet courses of the Illinois Virtual School, I agree to access Illinois Virtual School Internet courses only for lawful purposes. I understand that I may be held liable for monetary damages for any wrongful actions I undertake.

Acceptable Use - The purpose of the backbone networks making up the Internet is to support research and education in and among academic institutions by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The use of your account must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of the Illinois Virtual School. Transmission of any material in violation of any national or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret

Privileges - The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. The system administrators will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. Also, the system administrators may close an account at any time as required. The administration, faculty, and staff of IVS may request the system administrator to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts.

Network Etiquette - You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include (but are not limited to) the following:

- a) Be polite. Do not get abusive in your messages to others.
- b) Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities or any other inappropriate language. This includes, but is not limited to, demeaning written or oral comments of an ethnic, sexist, or racist nature as well as unwanted sexual advances or intimidation.
- c) Do not harass, stalk, threaten, abuse, insult, or humiliate anyone using the Illinois Virtual School computer system or any other computer system utilized by the Illinois Virtual School.
- d) Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
- e) Do not reveal your personal address or phone numbers or those of students or colleagues.
- f) Note that electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
- g) Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by other users.
- h) Respect the privacy of other users, and respect the integrity of the computer systems and other users' data.

IVS will not be responsible for any loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk.

Security - Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem on the Internet, you must notify a system administrator or your IVS Technical Support Team through the Web Help Desk (<http://helpdesk.ilvirtual.org>). Do not use another individual's account without written permission from that individual. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to Internet.

Vandalism - Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user, Internet, or any of the above listed agencies or other networks that are connected to any of the Internet backbones. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses, and obstructing, disrupting, or interfering with the teaching and learning occurring on the website, through computer "hacking" or any other nefarious methods.

As a member of the Illinois Virtual School community, I am solely responsible not only for adhering to all relevant state and national laws, statutes, rules, and regulations, but also to Illinois Virtual School standards, rules, and regulations. Enrollment does not confer either immunity or special consideration with reference to civil and criminal laws. Disciplinary action by the Illinois Virtual School or my local school will not be subject to postponement, on the grounds that criminal charges involving the same incident have been dismissed, reduced, or are pending in a civil or criminal court. In addition, the Illinois Virtual School and the local school reserve the right to pursue disciplinary action if a student violates a standard and withdraws from the Illinois Virtual School before administrative action is final.

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I agree to all above terms and conditions and understand that violation of this agreement may result in loss of course points or withdrawal from IVS.