Virus Protection Policy

The purpose of virus protection is to protect school computers, data, and networks against viruses and other destructive programs.

All files downloaded to school computers might harbor computer viruses, Trojan horses, logic or time bombs, worms or other destructive programs (collectively, "viruses" or "malware"). Therefore, all downloaded files must be scanned for such destructive files immediately upon download.

Virus detection programs and practices shall be implemented throughout Woods Charter School, and training must take place to ensure that all computer users know and understand safe computing practices.

Staff designated by the Principal will ensure that school computers and networks have current software on their network to prevent the introduction or propagation of computer viruses. The designated staff will provide users with the capability to perform frequent backups on sensitive data files as a means of recovery should data destruction occur, and will also select, deploy, and maintain virus prevention and mitigation programs, standards, and best practices as appropriate.

Intentional creation, possession or dissemination of viral code, viruses or virus creation software is strictly prohibited. Intentional hoaxes are strictly prohibited. Violations shall be handled in accordance with the Acceptable Use Policy and may result in suspension and/or criminal prosecution.

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