

MONROE CAREER AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: ACCEPTABLE USE OF
COMMUNICATIONS AND
INFORMATION SYSTEMS (CIS)

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<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">815. ACCEPTABLE USE OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS (CIS)</p> <p>The Monroe Career and Technical Institute (MCTI) provides employees, students, and guests (“Users”) with hardware, software, access to the School’s electronic communications System and network, which includes Internet access, whether wired, wireless, virtual, cloud, or by any other means. Guests include, but are not limited to: visitors, workshop attendees, volunteers, independent contractors, adult education staff, students, board members, vendors, and consultants.</p> <p>Computers, network, Internet, electronic communications, information systems, databases, files, software, and media, (collectively “CIS systems”), provide vast, diverse and unique resources. The Joint Operating Committee (JOC) will provide access to the School’s CIS systems for Users if there is a specific School-related purpose to access information; to research; to collaborate; to facilitate learning and teaching; and/or to foster the educational purpose and mission of the School.</p> <p>For Users, the School’s CIS systems must be used for educational purposes and/or performance of School job duties. Students may only use the CIS systems for educational purposes. CIS systems may include School computers which are located or installed on School property, at School events, connected to the School’s network, or when using its mobile commuting equipment, telecommunication facilities in unprotected areas or environments, directly from home, or indirectly through another Internet Service Provider (“ISP”), and, if relevant, when Users bring and use their own personal computers or personal electronic devices, and, if relevant, when Users bring and use another entity’s computer or electronic device, to a School location, event, or connect it to a School network. If Users’ bring personal computers or personal technology devices onto the School’s property, or to School events, or connect them to the School’s network and systems, and if the School reasonably believes the personal computers and personal electronic devices contain School information or contain information that violates a School policy, or the legal rights of the School or another person, or involves significant harm to the School or another person, or involves a criminal activity, then the personal computers or personal electronic devices may be legally accessed to insure compliance with this policy, and other School policies, regulations, rules, and procedures, and ISP, local, state, and federal laws. Users may not use their personal computers and personal electronic devices to access the School’s intranet, Internet or any other CIS System unless approved by the Supervisor of Technology and/or designee and/or authorized as part of the School’s services provided to Users.</p>
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<p>2. Definitions</p> <p>18 U.S.C. § 2256(8); 20 U.S.C. § 6777; 47 U.S.C. § 254(h)(7)(F)</p> <p>18 Pa.C.S.A. §6312(d); 24 P.S. (18) § 4603</p> <p>20 U.S.C. § 6777(e) 18 U.S.C. § 2256(6)</p>	<p>The School intends to strictly protect its CIS systems against harm or outside and internal risks and vulnerabilities. Users are important and critical players in protecting these School assets and in lessening the risks that can destroy these important and critical assets. Consequently, Users are required to fully comply with this policy, and to immediately report any violations or suspicious activities to the Director and/or designee. Noncompliance will result in actions, further described in the “Consequences for Inappropriate, Unauthorized and Illegal Use” section found in the last section of this policy, and as provided in other relevant School policies, regulations, rules, and regulations.</p> <p>The term child pornography is defined under both federal and state law.</p> <p>1. Child pornography - under federal law, is any visual depiction, including any photograph, film, video, picture, or computer or computer-generated image or picture, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means, of sexually explicit conduct, where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The production of such visual depiction involves the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct; b. Such visual depiction is a digital image, computer image, or computer-generated image that is, or is indistinguishable from, that of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct; or c. Such visual depiction has been created, adapted, or modified to appear that an identifiable minor is engaging in sexually explicit conduct. d. Under Pennsylvania law, any person who intentionally views or knowingly possesses or controls any book, magazine, pamphlet, slide, photograph, film, videotape, Computer depiction or other material depicting a child under the age of eighteen years engaging in a prohibited Sexual Act or in the simulation of such act is guilty of a felony of the third degree. <p>2. Computer – includes any School owned, leased or licensed or User-owned personal hardware, software, or other technology device used on School premises or at School events, or connected to the School network, containing School programs or School or student data (including images, files, and other information) attached or connected to, installed in, or otherwise used in connection with a computer. For example, computer includes, but is not limited to, the School’s and a User’s: desktop, notebook, netbook, powerbook, macbook, tablet PC, iPad, Kindle, eBook readers, laptop computers, printers, facsimile machine, cables, modems and other peripherals, specialized electronic equipment used for students’ special educational purposes, Global Positioning System (GPS) equipment, Radio Frequency Identification (RFID), personal digital assistants (PDAs), iPods, MP3 players, thumb drives, cell phones (with or without Internet access and/or recording and/or camera/video and other capabilities), telephones, mobile phones, or wireless devices, two-way radios/telephones, beepers, paging devices, laser pointers and attachments, Pulse Pens, and any other such technology now existing or</p>
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<p>20 U.S.C. § 6777(e); 47 U.S.C. § 254(h)(7)(D); 18 U.S.C. § 2256; 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 5903(e).</p> <p>18 U.S.C. § 1460; 20 U.S.C. §6777(e); 47 U.S.C. § 254(h)(7)(E)</p> <p>18 Pa.C.S.A. §5903 (b); 24 P.S. §4603</p> <p>18 U.S.C. § 2246 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 5903 (e)(3); 20 U.S.C. § 6777(e); 47 U.S.C. § 254(7)(H)</p>	<p>with respect to what is suitable material for minors; and,</p> <p>c. Taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, educational or scientific value for Minors.</p> <p>7. Inappropriate Matter – includes, but is not limited to visual, graphic, video, text and any other form of indecent, obscene, pornographic, child pornographic, or other material that is harmful to minors, sexually explicit, or sexually suggestive. Examples include: taking, disseminating, transferring, or sharing obscene, pornographic, lewd, or otherwise illegal images or photographs, whether by electronic data transfer or otherwise (such as sexting, e-mailing, texting, among others). Others include: hateful, illegal, defamatory, lewd, vulgar, profane, rude, inflammatory, threatening, harassing, discriminatory (as it pertains to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, marital status, age, sexual orientation, political beliefs, receipt of financial aid, or disability), violent, bullying, flagging, terroristic material, and advocating the destruction of property.</p> <p>8. Minor – for purposes of compliance with the federal Children’s Internet Protection Act (“FedCIPA”), an individual who has not yet attained the age of seventeen (17). For other purposes, minor shall mean the age of minority as defined in the relevant law.</p> <p>9. Obscene – under federal law, analysis of the material meets the following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Whether the average person, applying contemporary community standards, would find that the material, taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest; b. Whether the work depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct specifically designed by the applicable state or federal law to be Obscene; and, c. Whether the work taken as a whole lacks serious literary, artistic, political, educational, or scientific value. <p>Under Pennsylvania law, analysis of the material meets the following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The average person, applying contemporary community standards, would find that the subject matter taken as a whole appeals to the prurient interest; b. The subject matter depicts or describes in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct described in the law to be obscene; and c. The subject matter, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, educational or scientific value. <p>10. Sexual Act, Sexual Contact and Sexual Conduct – are defined at 18 U.S.C. § 2246(2), at 18 U.S.C. § 2246(3), and 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 5903. 18 U.S.C. § 2246; 18</p>
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<p>18 U.S.C. § 1460 (b); 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 2256</p>	<p>Pa.C.S.A 5903 (e)(3); 20 U.S.C. § 6777(e); 47 U.S.C. § 254(7)(H)</p> <p>11. Technology Protection Measure - a specific technology that blocks or filters Internet access to visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography or harmful to minors.</p> <p>12. Visual Depictions – includes undeveloped film and videotape, and data stored on a computer disk or by electronic means which is capable of conversion into a visual image that has been transmitted by any means, whether or not stored in a permanent format, but does not include mere words.</p>
<p>3. Authority 47 U.S.C. § 254(1); 24 P.S. § 510; 24 P.S. 4604</p> <p>20 U.S.C. § 6777(c); 24 P.S. § 4610</p>	<p>1. Access to the School’s CIS systems through school resources is a privilege, not a right. These CIS Systems and Resources, as well as the User accounts and information are the property of the School. The School, reserves the right to deny access to prevent unauthorized, inappropriate or illegal activity, and may revoke those privileges and/or administer appropriate disciplinary action. The School will cooperate to the extent legally required with ISP, local, state and federal officials in any investigation concerning or related to the misuse of the CIS systems.</p> <p>2. It is often necessary to access Users’ accounts in order to perform routine maintenance and security tasks. System administrators have the right to access by interception, and the right to access the stored communication of Users’ accounts for any reason in order to uphold and enforce this policy and other School policies, regulations, rules, procedures, the law, and to maintain the system. USERS SHOULD HAVE NO EXPECTATION OF PRIVACY IN ANYTHING THEY CREATE, STORE, SEND, RECEIVE, OR DISPLAY ON OR OVER THE SCHOOL’S CIS SYSTEMS, INCLUDING THEIR PERSONAL FILES OR ANY OF THEIR USE OF THE SCHOOL’S CIS SYSTEMS. The School reserves the right to record, check, receive, monitor, track, log, access, and otherwise inspect any or all CIS systems use and to monitor and allocate fileserver space. Users of the School’s CIS systems who transmit or receive communications and information shall be deemed to have consented to having the content of any such communications recorded, checked, received, monitored, tracked, logged, accessed and otherwise inspected or used by the School, and to the School monitoring and allocating fileserver space. Passwords and message delete functions do not restrict the School’s ability or right to access such communications or information.</p> <p>3. The School reserves the right to restrict access to any Internet sites or functions it may deem inappropriate through general policy, software blocking or online server blocking. Specifically, the School operates and enforces Technology Protection Measure(s) that block or filter online activities of minors on its computers used and accessible to adults and students so as to filter or block inappropriate matter as defined in this policy on the Internet. The Technology Protection Measure must be enforced during use of computers with Internet access. Measures(s) designed to restrict adults’ and minors’ access to material harmful to minors may be disabled to enable an adult or student (who has provided written consent from a parent or guardian) to access bona fide</p>

	<p>research, not within the prohibitions of this policy, or for another lawful purpose. No person may have access to material that is illegal under federal or state law.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Expedited review and resolution of a claim that the policy is denying a student or adult to access material will be enforced by an administrator, supervisor, or their designee upon the receipt of written consent from a parent or guardian of a student, and upon the written request from an adult presented to the Supervisor of Technology and/or Assistant Director.5. The School has the right, but not the duty, to inspect, review, or retain electronic communications created, sent, displayed, received, or stored on or over its CIS systems; to monitor, record, check, track, log, access or otherwise inspect; and/or to report all aspects of its CIS systems use. This includes any User's personal computers, network, Internet, electronic communications systems, computers, databases, files, software, and media that they bring onto School property, or to School events, that are connected to the School network, or when using its mobile commuting equipment, telecommunication facilities in unprotected areas or environments, directly from home, or indirectly through another ISP, and, if relevant, when Users bring and use their own personal computers or personal electronic devices, and, if relevant, when Users bring and use another entity's computer or electronic device to a School location, event, or connect it to a School network, and/or that contain School programs, or School or Users' data or information, all pursuant to the law, in order to ensure compliance with this policy, and other School policies, regulations, rules and procedures, and ISP, local, state, and federal laws, to protect the School's resources, and to comply with the law.6. The School reserves the right to restrict or limit usage of lower priority CIS systems and Computer uses when network and computing requirements exceed available capacity according to the following priorities:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Highest – uses that directly support the education of the students.b. Medium – uses that indirectly benefit the education of the students.c. Lowest – uses that include reasonable and limited educationally-related interpersonal communications.d. Forbidden – all activities in violation of this policy and/or local, state, and/or federal law.7. The School additionally reserves the right to:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Determine which CIS systems services will be provided through School resources.b. Determine the types of files that may be stored on School file servers and computers.
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	<p>c. View and monitor network traffic, file server space, processor, and system utilization, and all applications provided through the network and electronic communications systems, including e-mail.</p> <p>d. Remove excess e-mail or files taking up an inordinate amount of fileserver space after a reasonable time.</p> <p>e. Revoke User privileges, remove User accounts, or refer violators to legal authorities and/or School authorities when violation of this and any other applicable School policies, regulations, rules, and procedures occur or ISP, local, state or federal law is violated, including, but not limited to, those governing network use, copyright, security, privacy, employment, vendor access, and destruction of School resources and equipment.</p>
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Due to the nature of the Internet as a global network connecting thousands of computers around the world, inappropriate materials can be accessed through the network and electronic communications systems. Because of the nature of the technology that allows the Internet to operate, the School cannot completely block access to these resources. Accessing these and similar types of resources will be considered an unacceptable use of School resources and will result in actions explained further in the Consequences for Inappropriate, Unauthorized and Illegal Use section found in the last section of this policy, and as provided in relevant School policies. 2. The School must publish a current version of the Acceptable Use Policy so that all Users are informed of their responsibilities. A copy of this policy and the CIS Acknowledgement and Consent Form must be provided to all Users, who must complete the School's CIS Acknowledgement and Consent Form, by written means. 3. Users must be capable and able to use the School's CIS systems, and software relevant to their responsibilities. In addition, Users must practice proper etiquette, School ethics, and agree to the requirements of this policy. 4. The Supervisor of Technology, and/or designee, will serve as the coordinator to oversee the School's CIS systems and will work with other regional or state organizations as necessary, to educate Users, approve activities, provide leadership for proper training for all Users in the use of the CIS systems and the requirements of this policy, establish a system to insure adequate supervision of the CIS systems, maintain executed User CIS Acknowledgement and Consent Forms, and interpret and enforce this policy. 5. The Supervisor of Technology and/or designee(s), will establish a process to set up individual and class accounts, set quotas for disk usage on the system, establish Records Retention and Records Destruction Policies and Records Retention Schedule to include electronically stored information (see School Policy #800), and establish the School virus protection process. 6. Unless otherwise denied for cause, student access to the CIS systems

<p>47 U.S.C. § 254(5)(B)(iii); 24 P.S. § 1303.1-A Pol. 249</p>	<p>resources shall be through supervision by the professional staff. Administrators, teachers and staff have the responsibility to work together to help students develop the skills and judgment required to make effective and appropriate use of the resources. All Users have the responsibility to respect the rights of all other Users within the School and School CIS systems, and to abide by the policies, regulations, rules, and procedures established by the School, its ISP, local, state and federal laws.</p> <p>7. The Administrative Director or designee shall ensure students are educated on network etiquette and other appropriate online behavior, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Interaction with other individuals on social networking web sites and in chat rooms. b. Cyberbullying awareness and response.
<p>5. Guidelines</p>	<p>1. <u>Access to the CIS Systems</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Users' CIS systems accounts must be used only by authorized owners of the accounts and only for authorized purposes. b. An account will be made available to individual users according to a procedure to be developed by appropriate School authorities. c. CIS System. This policy, as well as other relevant School policies, regulations, rules, and procedures will govern use of the School's CIS systems for Users. d. Types of Services include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Internet. School employees, students, and guests will have access to the Internet through the School's CIS systems, as needed. (ii) E-Mail. School employees may be assigned individual e-mail accounts for work-related use, as needed. (iii) Guest Accounts. Guests may receive an individual web account with the approval of the Supervisor of Technology and/or designee(s), if there is a specific School-related purpose requiring such access. Use of the CIS systems by a guest must be specifically limited to the School-related purpose and must comply with this policy and all other School policies, regulations, rules, and procedures, as well as ISP, terms, local, state and federal laws and must not damage the School's CIS systems. A School CIS Acknowledgement and Consent Form must be signed in writing or electronically by a guest, and if the guest is a minor a parent's/guardian's written or electronic signature is required. (iv) Blogs. Employees may be permitted to have School-sponsored blogs after having received training and the approval of the Supervisor of

	<p>Technology and/or designee(s). All bloggers must follow the rules provided in this policy and other applicable policies, regulations, rules, and procedures of the School.</p> <p>(v) Web 2.0 Second Generation and Web 3.0 Third Generation Web-based Services. Certain School authorized Second Generation and Third Generation Web-based services, such as, blogging, authorized social networking sites, wikis, podcasts, RSS feeds, social software, folksonomies, and interactive collaboration tools that emphasize online participatory learning (where Users share ideas, comment on one another's project, plan, design, or implement, advance or discuss practices, goals, and ideas together, co-create, collaborate and share) among Users may be permitted by the School; however, such use must be approved by the Supervisor of Technology and/or designee(s), followed by training authorized by the School. Users must comply with this policy as well as any other relevant policies, regulations, rules, and procedures, including copyright, participatory learning / collaborative / social networking during such use.</p> <p>2. Parent/Guardian Notification and Responsibility</p> <p>The School will notify the parents/guardians about the School's CIS systems and the policies governing their use. This policy contains restrictions on accessing Inappropriate Matter. There is a wide range of material available on the Internet, some of which may not be fitting with the particular values of the families of the students. It is not practically possible for the School to monitor and enforce a wide range of social values in student use of the Internet. Further, the School recognizes that parents/guardians bear primary responsibility for transmitting their particular set of family values to their children. The School will encourage parents/guardians to specify to their children what material is and is not acceptable for their children to access through the School's CIS system. Parents/Guardians are responsible for monitoring their children's use of the School's CIS systems when they are accessing the systems.</p> <p>3. School Limitation of Liability</p> <p>The School makes no warranties of any kind, either expressed or implied, that the functions or the services provided by or through the School's CIS systems will be error-free or without defect. The School does not warrant the effectiveness of Internet filtering. The electronic information available to Users does not imply endorsement of the content by the School. Nor is the School responsible for the accuracy or quality of the information obtained through or stored on the CIS systems. The School will not be responsible for any damage Users may suffer, including but not limited to, information that may be lost, damaged, delayed, misdelivered, or unavailable when using the CIS systems. The School will not be responsible for material that is retrieved through the Internet, or the consequences that may result from them. The School shall not be responsible for any unauthorized financial obligations, charges or fees resulting from access to the School's CIS systems. In no event will the School be liable to the User for any damages whether</p>
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SC 1317.1	<p>direct, indirect, special or consequential, arising out the use of the CIS systems.</p> <p>4. Prohibitions</p> <p>The use of the School's CIS systems for illegal, inappropriate, unacceptable, or unethical purposes by Users is prohibited. Any such activities engaged in by Users are strictly prohibited, including but not limited to these activities illustrated below. The School reserves the right to determine if any activity not appearing in the list below constitutes an acceptable or unacceptable use of the CIS systems.</p> <p>These prohibitions are in effect any time School resources are accessed, whether on School property, at School events, while connected to the School's network, when using mobile commuting equipment, or telecommunication facilities in unprotected areas or environments, directly from home, or indirectly through another ISP, and, if relevant, when an employee or student uses their own equipment.</p> <p>Students are prohibited from visually possessing and using their personal electronic device or computers, as defined in this policy, regulations, rules, and procedures, on School premises and property (including but not limited to, buses and other vehicles), at School events, or through connection to the School CIS systems, unless expressed permission has been granted by a teacher or administrator, who will then assume the responsibility to supervise the student in its possession and use, or unless an IEP team determines otherwise, in which case, an employee will supervise the student in its possession and use. Thus, Users are prohibited from using cell phones, with or without Internet access, and/or recording or camera/video devices and similar devices with similar and other capabilities and configurations. Cameras and the like may not be used to take images of others, transfer such images, or place such images on websites without the consent of the school administrator and the person whose photo is being taken. Students who are performing volunteer fire company, ambulance or rescue squad functions, or who need such a personal electronic device or computer due to their medical condition or the medical condition of a member of their family, with notice and the approval of the school administrator, may qualify for an exemption to this prohibition.</p> <p>a. General Prohibitions</p> <p>Users are prohibited from using School CIS systems to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Communicate about non-work or non-school related matters.(ii) Send, receive, view, download, store, access, print, post, distribute, or transmit material that is harmful to minors, indecent, obscene, pornographic, child pornographic, terroristic, sexually explicit, or sexually suggestive. This includes, but is not limited to: visual depictions. Examples include: taking, disseminating, transferring, or sharing obscene, pornographic, lewd, or otherwise illegal images or photographs, whether by electronic data transfer or otherwise (such as, sexting, e-mailing, texting, among others). Nor may Users advocate the
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<p>24P.S. § 1303.1-A Pol. 249</p>	<p>destruction of property.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Send, receive, view, download, store, access, print, distribute, or transmit inappropriate matter, as defined in this policy, or material likely to be offensive or objectionable to recipients. (iv) Cyberbully another individual or entity. Gang up on a victim or target him/her or make him/her the subject of ridicule or aggression. See School Bullying Policy #249. (v) Access or transmit gambling information or promote or participate in pools for money, including but not limited to basketball and football, or participate in any other betting activities or games of chance. (vi) Participate in discussion or news groups that cover inappropriate and/or objectionable topics or materials, including those that conform to the definition of inappropriate matter in this policy. (vii) Send terroristic threats, hateful mail, harassing communications, discriminatory remarks, and offensive, profane, or inflammatory communications. (viii) Participate in unauthorized Internet Relay Chats ("IRC's"), newsgroups, instant messaging communications and Internet voice communications (on-line; real-time conversations) that are not for school-related purposes or required for employees to perform their job duties. Students must obtain consent from their teacher to use IRC's; however, even with such consent, they may not use instant messaging or text messaging. Employees may only use instant messaging if consent was obtained from the Supervisor of Technology, and/or designee. (ix) Use in an illegal manner or to facilitate any illegal activity. (x) Communicate through e-mail for non-educational purposes or activities. The use of e-mail to mass mail non-educational or non-work related information is expressly prohibited (for example, the use of the "All Staff" lists or other e-mail distribution lists to offer personal items for sale is prohibited), without the approval of the Director. (xi) Engage in commercial, for-profit, or any business purposes (except where such activities are otherwise permitted or authorized under applicable School policies); conduct unauthorized fund raising or advertising on behalf of the School or any non-school School organization; engage in the resale of School computer resources to individuals or organizations; or use the School's name in any unauthorized manner that would reflect negatively on the School, its employees, or students. Commercial purposes is defined as offering or providing goods or services or purchasing goods or services for personal use. School acquisition policies must be followed for School purchase of
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	<p>goods or supplies through the School system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(xii) Engage in political lobbying.(xiii) Install, distribute, reproduce or use copyrighted software on School Computers, or copy School software to unauthorized Computer systems, intentionally infringing upon the intellectual property rights of others or violating a copyright. See the Copyright Infringement section in this policy for additional information.(xiv) Plagiarize works that are found on the Internet. Plagiarism is taking the ideas or writings of others and presenting them as if they were yours.(xv) Install Computer hardware, peripheral devices, network hardware or system hardware. The authority to install hardware or devices on School computers is restricted to the Supervisor of Technology and/or designee(s).(xvi) Encrypt messages using encryption software that is not authorized by the School from any access point on School equipment or School property. Users must use School approved encryption to protect the confidentiality of sensitive or critical information in the School's approved manner.(xvii) Access, interfere, possess, or distribute confidential or private information without permission of the School's administration. Examples include accessing other students' accounts to obtain their grades or accessing other employees' accounts to obtain information.(xviii) Violate the privacy or security of electronic information.(xix) Send any School information to another party, except in the ordinary course of business and as necessary or appropriate for the advancement of the School's business or educational interest.(xx) Send unsolicited commercial electronic mail messages, also known as spam.(xxi) Post personal or professional web pages without administrative approval.(xxii) Post anonymous messages.(xxiii) Use the name of the "Monroe Career and Technical Institute" in any form in blogs, on School Internet pages or websites not owned or related to the School, or in forums/discussion boards, and social networking websites to express or imply the position of the School without the expressed, written permission of the Director, and/or designee. When such permission is granted, the posting must state that the statement does not represent the position or endorsement of the School.
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	<p>purchase of alcohol, engaging in criminal activity, or being involved in a terroristic threat against any person or property.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(vi) Disabling or circumventing any School security, program or device, including, but not limited to, anti-spyware, anti-spam software, and virus protection software or procedures.(vii) Transmitting electronic communications anonymously or under an alias unless specifically authorized by the School.(viii) Accessing any website that the School has filtered or blocked as unauthorized. Examples include, but are not limited to, accessing unauthorized social networking, music download, and gaming sites.(ix) Users must protect and secure all electronic resources and information, data and records of the School from theft and inadvertent disclosure to unauthorized individuals or entities at all times. If any User becomes aware of the improper release of School information, data or records, the release must be reported to the Director, and/or designee, immediately. <p>c. Operational Prohibitions</p> <p>The following operational activities and behaviors are prohibited:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Interference with, infiltration into, or disruption of the CIS systems, network accounts, services or equipment of others, including, but not limited to, the propagation of computer “worms” and “viruses”, Trojan Horse, trapdoor, robot, spider, crawler, and other program code, the sending of electronic chain mail, distasteful jokes, and the inappropriate sending of “broadcast” messages to large numbers of individuals or hosts. The User may not hack or crack the network or others’ computers, whether by spyware designed to steal information, or viruses and worms or other hardware or software designed to damage the CIS systems or the systems of others, or any component of the network, or strip or harvest information, or completely take over a person’s computer, or to “look around”.(ii) Altering or attempting to alter files, system security software or the systems without authorization.(iii) Unauthorized scanning of the CIS systems for security vulnerabilities.(iv) Attempting to alter any School computing or networking components (including, but not limited to file servers, bridges, routers, or hubs) without authorization or beyond one’s level of authorization.(v) Unauthorized wiring, including attempts to create unauthorized network connections, or any unauthorized extension or re-transmission of any computer, electronic communications systems, or network services,
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	<p>whether wired, wireless, cable, virtual, cloud, or by other means.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(vi) Connecting unauthorized hardware and devices to the CIS systems.(vii) Loading, downloading, or use of unauthorized games, programs, files, or other electronic media, including, but is not limited to, downloading music files.(viii) Intentionally damaging or destroying the integrity of the School's electronic information.(ix) Intentionally destroying the School's computer hardware or software.(x) Intentionally disrupting the use of the CIS systems.(xi) Damaging the School's computers, CIS systems, networking equipment through the Users' negligence or deliberate act including but not limited to vandalism.(xii) Failing to comply with requests from appropriate teachers or School administrators to discontinue activities that threaten the operation or integrity of the CIS systems. <p>5. Content Guidelines</p> <p>Information electronically published on the School's CIS systems shall be subject to the following guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Published documents, including but not limited to audio and video clips or conferences, may not include a student's date of birth, Social Security number, driver's license number, financial information, credit card number, health information, phone number(s), street address or box number, name (other than first name) or the names of other family members, without parental consent.b. Documents, web pages, electronic communications, or videoconferences may not include personally identifiable information that indicates the physical location of a student at a given time without parent/guardian consent.c. Documents, web pages, electronic communications, or videoconferences may not contain objectionable materials or point directly, or indirectly, to objectionable materials.d. Documents, web pages and electronic communications, must conform to all School policies, regulations, rules, and procedures.e. Documents to be published on the Internet must be edited and approved according to School procedures before publication.
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<p>17 U.S.C. § 1202</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">6. Due Process<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. The School will cooperate with School's ISP rules, and local, state, and federal officials to be reasonably cooperative in investigations concerning or relating to any illegal activities allegedly conducted through the School's CIS systems.b. If students or employees are entitled to due process rights for discipline resulting from the violation of this policy, they will be provided such rights.c. The School may terminate any account privileges by providing notice to the User(s).7. Search and Seizure<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Users' violations of this policy, any other School policy, or the law may be discovered by routine maintenance and monitoring of the School's CIS system, or any method stated in this policy, or pursuant to any legal means.b. The School reserves the right, but not the duty, to inspect, review, or retain electronic communications created, sent, displayed, received, or stored on or over its CIS systems; to monitor, record, check, track, log, access, or otherwise inspect; and/or report all aspects of its CIS systems. This includes items related to any personal computers, network, Internet, electronic communications systems, databases, files, software, and media that individuals bring onto the School's property, or to School's events, that were connected to the School network, and/or that contain School programs, or School or Users' data or information, all pursuant to law, in order to insure compliance with this policy, other School policies, regulations, rules, and procedures in order to protect the School's resources, and to comply with the law.c. Any information that users place in their individual files should be entered with the knowledge and understanding that it is subject to review by a third party.8. Copyright Infringement and Plagiarism<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Federal laws, cases, and guidelines pertaining to copyright will govern the use of material accessed through the School's resources. Users will make a standard practice of requesting permission from the holders of the work, and complying with the Fair Use Doctrine, and/or complying with license agreements.b. Violations of copyright law can be a felony and the law allows a court to hold individuals personally responsible for infringing the law. The School does not permit illegal acts pertaining to the copyright law. Therefore, any User violating the copyright law does so at their own risk and assumes all liability.
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<p>17 U.S.C. § 512</p> <p>47 U.S.C. § 254</p>	<p>c. Violations of copyright law include, but are not limited to, making of unauthorized copies of any copyrighted material (such as commercial software, text, graphic images, audio and video recording), distributing copyrighted materials over computer networks, remixing or preparing mash-ups, and deep-linking and framing into the content of others' websites. Further, the illegal installation of copyrighted software or files for use on or from, the School's computers is expressly prohibited. This includes all forms of licensed software – shrink-wrap, clickwrap, browsewrap, and electronic software downloaded from the Internet.</p> <p>d. No one may circumvent a Technology Protection Measure that controls access to a protected work unless they are permitted to do so by law. No one may manufacture, import, offer to the public, or otherwise traffic in any technology, product, service, device, component or part that is produced or marketed to circumvent a Technology Protection Measure to control access to a copyright protected work.</p> <p>e. School guidelines on plagiarism will govern use of material accessed through the School's CIS systems. Users must not plagiarize works that they find. Users understand that use of the School's systems may involve the School's use of plagiarism analysis software being applied to their works.</p> <p>9. Selection of Material</p> <p>a. School policies on the selection of materials will govern use of the School's CIS systems.</p> <p>b. When using the Internet for class activities, teachers must select material that is appropriate in light of the age of the students and that is relevant to the course objectives. Teachers must preview the materials and websites they require or recommend students access to determine the appropriateness of the material contained on or accessed through the website. Teachers must provide guidelines and lists of resources to assist their students in channeling their research activities effectively and properly. Teachers must assist their students in developing the critical thinking skills necessary to ascertain the truthfulness of information, distinguish fact from opinion, and engage in discussions about controversial issues while demonstrating tolerance and respect for those who hold divergent views.</p> <p>10. School Website</p> <p>The School will establish and maintain a Website and will develop and modify its Web pages to present information about the School under the direction of the Supervisor of Technology and/or designee(s). Publishers must comply with this policy, other School policies, regulations, rules, and procedures.</p> <p>The School may limit its liability by complying with the Digital Millennium Copyright Act's safe harbor notice and takedown provisions.</p>
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	<p>may result in loss of CIS access and a variety of other disciplinary actions, including but not limited to, warnings, usage restrictions, loss of privileges, position reassignment, oral or written reprimands, suspensions, employee suspensions (with or without pay), dismissal, expulsions, breach of contract, and/or legal proceedings. These will be handled on a case-by-case basis. This policy incorporates all other relevant School policies, such as, but not limited to, the student discipline policy Code of Student Conduct, copyright, property, curriculum, terroristic threat, vendor access, and harassment policies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">b. Users are responsible for theft of, and damages to, computers, the network, equipment, electronic communications systems, and software resulting from accidental, negligent, deliberate, and willful acts. Users will also be responsible for incidental or unintended damage resulting from negligent, willful or deliberate violations of this policy, related policies, regulations, rules, and procedures. For example, Users will be responsible for payments related to lost or stolen computers and/or School equipment, and recovery and/or breach of the data contained on them.c. Violations as described in this policy may be reported to the school, appropriate legal authorities, whether the ISP, local, state, or federal law enforcement and may constitute a crime under state and/or federal law, which may result in arrest, criminal prosecution, and lifetime inclusion on a sexual offenders registry. The school will cooperate to the extent legally required with authorities in all such investigations.d. Vandalism to CIS Systems will result in cancellation of access to the School's CIS systems and resources and is subject to discipline.e. Any and all costs incurred by the School for repairs and/or replacement of software, hardware and data files and for technological consultant services due to any violation of this policy, other School policies, regulations, rules, and procedures, or federal, state, or local law, must be paid by the User who caused the loss. <p>If you have questions, contact the Supervisor of Technology at 570-629-2001 x2321</p>
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Employees

As an employee of the School, I have received, read, and understand the Acceptable Use of the Communications and Information (CIS) Systems Policy. In addition, I have reviewed this policy with my students and answered questions they asked and will continue to do so. If I have further questions, I will ask the Supervisor of Technology. I agree to comply with this policy, other related policies, regulations, rules, and procedures. Additionally, I understand that if I violate this policy, other related policies, regulations, rules, and procedures I am subject to the School's discipline, ISP requirements, as well as local, state, and federal laws and procedures.

Name of Employee (print)	Signature of Employee	Date
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<i>OFFICE USE ONLY</i>		

TELEPHONES

- Date _____
- _____ Phone Extension
 - _____ Pin Number
 - _____ Reset Voice Mail
 - _____ Add or Change Name Phone Extension Directory
 - _____ Add to School Messenger (_____ last 5 digits of Soc. Sec. number)

NETWORK

- _____ Computer User Account
- _____ Home Directory
- _____ Email – add to Distribution Lists
- _____ SASI

Website

- _____ Directory
- _____ Account
- _____ Personal Web Page

OTHER

- _____ ID Badge
- _____ Helpdesk Account

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Guests

As a guest of the School, I have received, read, and understand the Acceptable Use of the Communications and Information (CIS) Systems Policy. If I have further questions, I will ask the Director of Technology. I agree to comply with this policy, other related policies, regulations, rules, and procedures. Additionally, I understand that if I violate this policy, other related policies, regulations, rules, and procedures I am subject to the School's discipline, ISP requirements, as well as local, state and federal laws and procedures.

Name of Guest

Signature of Guest

Date of Signature