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SUBJECT: Student Internet Access Policy

I. GENERAL INFORMATION:

Each student entering Methodist College will have Internet access through the College's Wi-Fi network and if a resident of student housing through the student apartments. It is the responsibility of each student to follow the guidelines set forth for permissible searching and network security.

II. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Students who desire to connect their own personal computer to their apartment room port or the College's wireless network must install one of the following antiviruses: McAfee, Norton by Symantec, Kaspersky, AVG, Bitdefender, Trend Micro, Avira or Panda AV. The acquisition of any antivirus program is at the responsibility of the student, including the cost of such a program. In addition, students must apply the latest service packs, definition updates and critical updates provided by their OS manufacturer and antivirus program prior to connecting to the College's Wi-Fi network.
2. Monitoring and filtering for web content will be in place. Bandwidth restrictions will also be in place as needed.

POLICY RULES:

1. FILE SHARING

- a. "Peer to peer" applications that allow users to participate in a file sharing "community" and allow users to search the network for files that may interest them, and to bring those files to their own computers will be disallowed and the applications should not be installed on the computer. The traffic such sharing generates places the College, and the student, at risk and violates this policy. Downloading from a file sharing "community" puts users at risk personally if they are found to possess copyrighted materials they have not obtained legally. Examples of file sharing applications include but are not limited to Kazaa, Limewire, Morpheus, Napster, Gnutella, Audio Galaxy, Aimster, Torrent Sites and WinMX.
- b. Organizations such as the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA), the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) and others monitor file sharing on the Internet and notify the College when a computer on its network is illegally sharing copyrighted files. The College will not protect individuals who distribute copyrighted material without an appropriate license. Federal law requires that the College take action when notified that someone on its network is distributing copyrighted materials.
- c. The College's IT department will monitor for this activity. Any student engaging in illegal file sharing is subject to disciplinary action.



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2. Abuse

- a. The College, through the Methodist College Information Technology department, reserves the right to disable your Wi-Fi network access for a variety of reasons, including “excessive” bandwidth usage, a misconfigured or compromised device, inappropriate searches (permissible access includes all searches excluding those related to pornography or gambling) or degradation of service to other users. Methodist College operates an encrypted Wi-Fi network (WPA 2 – Personal), therefore any information transmitted over the College’s Wi-Fi will be encrypted.
- b. Any abuse of Internet privileges may result in disciplinary action.