
**Pasadena Area Community College District
Board Policy
Chapter 3 – General Institution**

BP 3720 COMPUTER AND NETWORK USE

References:

Education Code Section 70902;
Government Code Section 3543.1(b);
Penal Code Section 502;
Cal. Const., Art. 1 Section 1;
17 U.S. Code Sections 101 et seq.

It is the policy of the Pasadena Area Community College District that there be privacy, security, and acceptable use of its electronic resources, as follows:

1. As a part of the physical and social learning infrastructures, Pasadena City College (PCC) acquires, develops, and maintains computers, voice communications, world wide web computer systems, and networks. These computer and voice resources are intended for college-related purposes, including direct and indirect support of the college's instruction, research, and service missions; of college administrative functions; of student and campus life activities; and of the free exchange of ideas among members of the college community and between the college community and the wider local, national, and world communities.
2. The rights of academic freedom and freedom of expression apply to the use of these college computing and voice transmission resources. In that regard, PCC respects the privacy of the communications of its employees and students while they are engaged in acceptable use of these resources. The college does not however guarantee that these communications are completely private.

The use of college computing and voice transmissions resources, like the use of any other college-provided resource and like any other college-related activity, is subject to the normal requirements of legal and ethical behavior within the college community. Thus, acceptable use of these electronic resources does not extend to whatever is technologically possible. Although some limitations are built into communications systems and networks, those limitations are not the sole restrictions on what is permissible. Users must abide by all applicable restrictions, whether or not they are built into the communication or network and whether or not they can be circumvented.

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