

Acceptable Use Policy



Mott Community College's goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence by resource sharing, innovation, experimentation, and communication among our local community and the global community. Access to the Internet gives you the ability to:

1. Send and receive electronic messages (e-mail) to and from people all over the world.
2. Gather information and news from diverse sources as well as communicate with the providers of the information.
3. Search and download text from Libraries located all over the world.
4. Participate in discussion groups on an infinite number of topics ranging from A (agriculture) to Z (zoology).
5. Download public domain or shareware software for all types of computer systems.

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of governmental agencies and regional and state-wide networks. The smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of all its 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 a Mott Community College user violates any of these provisions, his or her account is subject to immediate termination and future access may be denied.

Users of Mott Community College's computer resources are subject to MCC's Acceptable Use Policy (stated below) and others including:

- **Merit Acceptable Use Policy.** Mott is an affiliate of Merit, (our Internet provider). Users connecting outside of the College must comply with the policy set by Merit.
- **The MCC Student Code of Conduct,** as it applies to computer use.
- **Policies** set by any host or network you connect to via the Internet.

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1. **Acceptable Use** - The purpose of MICHNET, which is the backbone network providing Mott Community College's connection to the Internet at large, is to support research and education in and among academic institutions in the State of Michigan by providing access to unique resources as well as the opportunity for collaborative work among its member institutions. Therefore, the use of your account must be in support of education and research and be consistent with the educational objectives of Mott Community College. The use of any other organization's network and/or computing resources through Mott Community College must comply with the rules and/or policies appropriate

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- to that network. Furthermore, transmission of any material in violation of any U.S. or state laws or regulations is strictly prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, all copyrighted material, any threatening or obscene material as well as material protected by all laws governing trade secrets. Use for commercial activities (including product advertisement) requires prior permission. Any services accessed which require a monetary charge or financial commitment shall be the responsibility of the individual user. Finally, use for partisan political lobbying is prohibited.
2. **Privileges** - The use of Mott Community College's connection to the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use of that connection will result in cancellation of those privileges. The system's administrators will deem what is inappropriate use of the college's network and their decision is final. The system's administrators may close an account at any time as deemed appropriate and is the sole discretion of those administrators. The administration, faculty or staff of Mott Community College may request the system administrator to deny, revoke, or suspend specific user accounts.
 3. **Rules of Network Use** - You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of computer network etiquette. At the present time these include (but are not limited to) the following:
 - Be polite. Do not be personally abusive in your messages to others.
 - Use appropriate language. Do not swear or use vulgar, obscene, or inappropriate language. All communications deemed illegal by any or all federal, state or local ordinances are strictly forbidden.
 - Do not reveal your own personal addresses or the addresses and/or phone numbers of other students or colleagues without their permission.
 - Note that your electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to all e-mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the proper authorities.
 - Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by other users.
 - All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property. Users should not intentionally seek to obtain unauthorized copies of, or to deliberately modify, any files or other data (including passwords) belonging to any of the other users of this system without their explicit permission.
 - As rules in network use and etiquette change and evolve, users must be responsible for understanding and abiding by those generally accepted rules of the Internet.

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4. **Warranty** - Mott Community College makes absolutely no warranties of any kind, neither expressed or implied, for the services it is providing. Mott Community College will not be responsible for any damages you suffer. This includes (but is not limited to) any loss of data which results from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused either by its own negligence or your own errors and/or omissions. Any and all use of any of the information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. Mott Community College specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy and/or quality of any information obtained through its Internet services. The user agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Mott Community College, the board of trustees, agents, and employees of Mott Community College from and against any claim, lawsuit, cause of action, damage judgment, or administration complaint arising out of the use of Mott Community College hardware, software, and network facilities under this policy.
5. **Security** - Security on any networked computer system has an extremely high priority, especially when the system involves a variety of users. If you feel that you can identify a security problem that is in any way associated with Mott Community College's connection to the Internet, you should notify either a system administrator or an appropriate person immediately. In addition, do not demonstrate the problem to any other users. You shall not use another individual's account without specific written permission from that individual. Any unauthorized attempt to logon to the Internet as a system administrator will result in immediate cancellation of all user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to Mott Community College's connection to the Internet
6. **Vandalism** - Vandalism will result in the cancellation of ALL system privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy hardware, software, or data on this system on the Internet as a whole, or at any of the agencies or other computer networks that are affiliated with or connected to the MICHNET Internet backbone. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading and/or creation of computer viruses.