

Misuse of Computer Information & Resources Policy

This administrative procedure implements [*FHDA Board Policy 3250: Computer and Network Use - Rights and Responsibilities.*](#)

Abuse of computing, networking or information resources contained in or part of the district network may result in the loss of computing privileges. Additionally, abuse can be prosecuted under applicable statutes. Users may be held accountable for their conduct under any applicable district or college policies, procedures, or collective bargaining agreements. Complaints alleging abuse of the district network will be directed to those responsible for taking appropriate disciplinary action. Illegal reproduction of material protected by U.S. Copyright Law is subject to civil damages and criminal penalties, including fines and imprisonment.

Examples of behaviors constituting abuse which violate District Board Policy 3250 include, but are not limited to, the following activities:

System Abuse

- Using a computer account that one is not authorized to use.
- Obtaining a password for a computer account that one is not authorized to have.
- Using the district network to gain unauthorized access to any computer systems.
- Knowingly performing an act which will interfere with the normal operation of computers, terminals, peripherals or networks.
- Knowingly running or installing on any computer system or network, or giving to another user, a program intended to damage or to place excessive load on a computer system or network. This includes but is not limited to programs known as computer viruses, Trojan horses and worms.
- Knowingly or carelessly allowing someone else to use your account who engages in any misuse in violation of *District Board Policy 3250*.
- Forging e-mail messages.

- Attempting to circumvent data-protection schemes or uncover or exploit security loopholes.
- Masking the identity of an account or machine.
- Deliberately wasting computing resources.
- Downloading, displaying, uploading or transmitting obscenity or pornography, as legally defined.
- Attempting without district authorization to monitor or tamper with another user's electronic communications, or changing, or deleting another user's files or software without the explicit agreement of the owner, or any activity which is illegal under California computer crime laws.
- Personal use which is excessive or interferes with the user's or others' performance of job duties, or otherwise burdens the intended use of the district network.
- Illegal downloading and/or distribution of copyright- protected materials, including but not limited to music and videos.