Residence Hall Network Policy

When you connect to a network, you affect not just your own computer, but other computers and people on campus and off campus. Therefore, it is important that everyone on the network act responsibly and adhere to a few rules. Anyone registering for a residence hall network connection must read and agree to the following policies by signing the Registration Form for Residence Hall Network Connection and returning it to Information Services. Violation of these policies may be grounds for disconnection of your computer from the network.

• Delaware Valley College’s network is for the use of students, faculty and staff, and is to be used for the academic, educational and research purposes of the College.

• You may not use College resources for money-making activities, use the network to advertise a commercial business, or to support a personal business.

• You are responsible for activities originating from your network connection. Do not permit visitors or friends to violate College policies from your connection.

• Do not tamper with any network cabling or hardware. If there is a problem, please report it to Information Services at ext. 2342. Do not try to extend the network from your wall jack to another room.

• Information Services is solely responsible for assigning IP addresses to individuals. These addresses are for use by that individual only. IP addresses should not be shared, as any violation of policies will be traced by IP address.

• Only computers that have been registered through Information Services may be connected to the network, and only one computer may be attached to each jack. No hubs, switches, wireless access points, or signal-splitting devices may be connected to the network.

• Information Services reserves the right to disconnect any computer that is sending disruptive signals to the network, whether because of a defective cable, Ethernet card, or other hardware or software problem. It will be the student’s responsibility to correct the problem before the computer can be reconnected to the network.

• You may not engage in activities which have the potential of interfering with the response time of other users. For example, chain letters, mass mailings, or repeated transfer of large files which cause network congestion are prohibited. Downloading audio and video files generates a great deal of traffic and interferes with other students’ ability to use the Internet. Anyone repeatedly downloading excessive amounts of material will be contacted and may be disconnected from the network.

• You may not possess or use any software or hardware designed to disrupt the security of the network and any devices attached to the network, or spy on the network traffic of other users.

• If you connect a computer to the network that is used as a server, you must register the server with Information Services. As the server administrator, you must choose a server name that is not misleading; you may not represent your system as an official, College-provided server; and you are responsible for any use of the server that is in violation of the policies.

• Servers that manage network addresses, including but not limited to DNS, DHCP, BOOTP, and WINS, may not be connected to the network.
• You may not use the network to engage in software piracy or copyright infringements. You may not “share” software or other files over the network without a license to “share”. A single-copy license is not a license to “share” software.

• You may not use the network to violate federal, state or local laws or statutes.

• Information Services is not responsible for fixing your computer if you load software or change settings which interfere with the operation of the computer on the network.

• Some Internet chat rooms, games and web dependent software may not be accessible through the College network.

• Virus protection software must be used on any computer connected to the College network. If a computer is found to be transmitting viruses on the network, it will be disconnected until virus protection software is installed and the computer is cleared of viruses.