



**Title of Policy:** Student Wireless Use

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**Policy** (check one) **New**  **Revised**

**Applies to (check all that apply):**

**Faculty**  **Staff**  **Students**

**Division/Department**  **College**

**Background to Issue/Rationale for Policy:**

This policy enforces appropriate use of BCCC's wireless Internet access for students. This policy is an extension of the Student Computer Use and Internet Access Policy, and includes specific information regarding the use of wireless Internet access to preclude BCCC from any unknown and unforeseen liabilities.

**State/Federal Regulatory Requirements:**

Information regarding Internet laws and the illegal use of the Internet for Cybercrimes such as investment fraud, child pornography, identity theft, intellectual property, etc. can be found at:

<http://www.cybercrimelaw.org/>

[http://www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/Internet\\_Fraud.shtml](http://www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/Internet_Fraud.shtml)

<http://www.cybercrime.gov/reporting.htm>

<http://www.oag.state.md.us/consumer/link.htm>

**Proposed Policy Language:**

It is the policy of BCCC to provide wireless Internet access to students at both campuses and off-site locations. Students understand and acknowledge that the Internet is an unregulated medium that contains information, both written and pictorial, which may be offensive or harmful to some constituent groups. Also, students are aware that the Internet is a forum for many cybercrimes, such as auction frauds, banking frauds and schemes, child pornography, copyright infringement, credit card fraud, gambling, health care fraud, identity theft, intellectual property encroachment, money laundering, organized crime and drugs, pharmacy schemes, system hacking and intrusions, telemarketing schemes, and terrorism. Therefore, students must comply with all state and federal laws, including those regarding obscenity, pornography, or delivery of harmful materials to minors, and BCCC's policies and procedures for using the college's wireless network. Any student in violation of this

policy would lose their wireless privileges, and may be subject to civil and criminal investigation.

BCCC is released from all liabilities associated with students viewing, exposing and using any information (text, picture, and graphical representation), on the Internet, to engage in any unlawful acts, including but not limited to delivering offensive or harmful material to minors, soliciting illegal activities, and participating in any cyber crimes, while using the college's wireless network.

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**Approved by Board of Trustees:** October 28, 2008

**Originator/Division:** Computer Information Technology Services