

# Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College (A-B Tech) Policy Manual

## Policy 1003: Acceptable Use

It is the policy of the Board of Trustees that the Information Technology resources must be treated and managed as valuable assets. The Board of Trustees hereby delegate all authority to the President to:

1. Establish minimum appropriate and acceptable requirements regarding the use of information resources connected to the College Network.
2. Comply with applicable state law and other rules and regulations regarding the management of information resources, including the North Carolina IT Acceptable Use Policy.
3. Educate individuals who may use information resources with respect to their responsibilities associated with computer resource use.
4. Establish a process to ensure that users acknowledge and agree to abide by the rules of behavior before gaining access to information resources connected to the College Network.

## To comply with G.S. 143-805 (prohibit viewing of pornography on government networks and devices) and requirement 14 of the North Carolina Acceptable Use Policy:

## Employees will not view pornography on College networks, and

## employees and students will not view pornography on College devices.

## Any incident involving the viewing of pornography, unless it falls under the limited list of exceptions outlined in G.S. 143-805 subsection D, will be reported to the State Chief Information Officer and may result in disciplinary action.

## Scope

This policy applies to all faculty, staff, students, and guests who use A-B Tech’s Information Technology resources and/or the College Network.

## Definitions

College Network: Refers to any connectivity designed for the purpose of providing Internet Protocol transport of information for A-B Tech.

## References

This policy applies to state agencies, departments and other entities not specifically excluded from Article 15 of N.C. General Statute Chapter 143B, and the [North Carolina Acceptable Use Policy](https://it.nc.gov/documents/statewide-acceptable-use-policy-aup).

<https://www.ncleg.gov/EnactedLegislation/SessionLaws/HTML/2023-2024/SL2024-26.html>

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## Policy Owner

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