

Acceptable Use Policy for Stark Campus Computers

The Stark Campus of Kent State University provides the use of computers (both desktop and laptop) to students, faculty, and visitors to campus. These computers are to be used for educational purposes. This policy, as well as policies established by Kent State University in its policy register, governs the use of all computers on the Stark Campus. The campus expects all computer users to act in a responsible, ethical, and legal manner. Recognizing that many computers on campus are shared and in close proximity to other people using computers on campus, computer users are to apply common sense and respect for the rights of others not to be offended by their use of computers on campus. To that end, the campus provides the following guidelines, established by the Kent State University Libraries Council:

- Use of computers is limited to educational purposes. These include resource discovery that fulfills class assignments, enhances career development, and promotes general knowledge gathering.
- Users may not load their own software on these workstations nor in any way modify their system hardware configuration without consent from library staff.
- The Stark Campus endorses the Library Bill of Rights and the Freedom to Read statement of the American Library Association. It does not censor access to material or protect users from offensive and/or inaccurate or incorrect information. However, it fully supports the University's commitment to civility as key to the meaningful exchange of ideas. Therefore, computers on campus are not to be used with the intent to intimidate or harass (e.g., hate literature, pornography). Users are also asked to be sensitive to material that others in a public place might find offensive.
- Users must abide by current copyright law.

(Guidelines established by University Libraries Council on September 3, 2008)