Suggested Ethics Sites

COMPUTER ETHICS INSTITUTE.

http://www.brook.edu/its/cei/cei_hp.htm (1996)

One of the most popular products developed by CEI is the Ten Commandments for Computer Ethics. Permission was requested to include this document in our board's ICT curriculum.

GRADE SCHOOL ETHICS. WHITED, JIMMY.

http://courses.cs.vt.edu/professionalism/ Schools/Whited/index.html (Last updated 98/11/20)

INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS

http://library.thinkquest.org/26658/

".... School students have increasing access to courses which teach skills such as programming and applications use, however, not an introduction to issues in computer ethics. This is unfortunate, because it is precisely at this time - when young students are beginning to explore computers and the Internet they should receive at least some knowledge of what is happening as ethics intersect with technology."

LOOKING FOR TROUBLE?

http://www.utexas.edu/cc/policies/trouble.html "Tired of using the Internet? Want to lose your computer account? Get expelled from UT? Go directly to jail? Computing resources exist to complement the educational mission and must be used appropriately." The University of Texas Computing Services has taken a rather humorous but to-the-point way of addressing the rules!

NETIQUETTE - THE CORE RULES

http://www.in.on.ca/tutorial/netiquette.html Guidelines for online behavior are excerpted from the book Netiquette, by Virginia Shea on this web site. The site runs as a progressive tutorial. Examples given are very clear and practical.

Computer Equipment Changes

Do not modify the hardware, operating system, or application software of a Board computer. (Are you guilty of changing the desktop appearance or sound files?) The other users with whom you share the computer, and the technicians, on whom you rely for support, are expecting to find it set up exactly the way they left it.

Email Privacy

People consider ordinary electronic mail to be private. It is NOT. There are many ways a normally private file can end up being forwarded and read by others. Don't be surprised to see your private thoughts shared publicly. Don't say it in writing if you would not say it in person! If you're committing your thoughts to email, know that they will be archived somewhere for later retrieval and can be broadly shared without your permission.

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