Doral Acadmey Computer Use Policy

Note: a hard copy of this policy must be signed by each student and a parent of that student before lab access is allowed.

Terms of Class Agreement:

I. All students are bound by guidelines issued by MDCPS. This policy in no way invalidates any part of that previous agreement.

II. Students in this course are expected to demonstrate mature, professional behavior. One outcome of this course is: students will be prepared at a beginning level for a career in the software development industry. While malicious acts, both planned and unintentional cause havoc and problems in a public high school, the same acts could cost massive amounts of money and manpower in the career world. Because of the serious costs of such acts: Any student committing any of the actions described below will be issued a failing grade and may be restricted from using the school's computers:

- **A.** Downloading .exe, .cpp, .vbp, .frm, .c, .h, .ini, or .dll files to any drive, local or network, without teacher permission. DO NOT download any games to the school's computers. **Do not PLAY any games of any type on school computers without permission of the instructor.**

- **B**. Viewing or downloading any pictures or websites which the teacher would reasonably consider inappropriate; this includes but is not limited to: pornographic images, drug images, drug paraphernalia images, sites describing "how to" do something illegal, non-programming gaming-related sites, sites containing obscene jokes or stories, Usenet newsgroup sites (without teacher permission), viewing sites or newsgroup posts concerning "hacking" or software piracy

- **C.** Changing system files on computers, or using software, which is designed to change system settings

- **D**. Sending obscene, offensive, or harassing email on any school email or messaging system

- **E**. Running .exe files known or suspected to be malicious in nature

- **F**. Damaging computer components intentionally or because of neglect

- **G**. Making illegal copies of computer and network software, or using illegal copies of ANY software

- **H**. Playing games on school computers that are NOT part of the course

- **I**. Using or submitting parts or complete code/programs written by others.

III. Object-oriented programming centers on the idea of creating and using reusable code components. We will be creating some components and classes of our own, and we will also be using legally authorized "freeware" components. However, many of these code components are NOT freeware, and cannot be used without at least getting permission from the creator. If you ever have any questions about your right to use a certain bit of code, consult your teacher. As a new programmer, you will soon appreciate the value of "intellectual property," and the hard work behind such property. Be professional!

I, _____ (student) agree to the terms of this policy, and promise to abide by these terms while a student at Doral Academy.

I, _____ (parent or guardian) have talked with my student concerning this policy, and agree to the terms of the policy.

If you have any questions about this policy, or the class in general, contact the teacher:

  email skoski@doralacademyprep.org.