

AIMS COMMUNITY COLLEGE POLICY

PEER-TO-PEER FILE SHARING

Aims Community College shall disseminate an annual disclosure to students that (1) states that unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material, such as through peer-to-peer networks, may subject students to civil and criminal penalties, (2) describes the penalties for such violations, and (3) includes the institution's policies on peer-to-peer file sharing.

In compliance with The Higher Education Opportunity Act (Public Law 110-315) (HEOA), Aims Community College shall maintain a plan to "combat unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material and a procedure for peer-to-peer file sharing. In developing and maintaining the plan, Aims Community College will consider technology-based deterrents. Report language accompanying the Higher Education Authorization Act explicitly states that technology-based deterrents include "bandwidth shaping" and "traffic monitoring to identify the largest bandwidth users." Aims Community College will also offer, to the extent practicable and in consultation with the Director of Information Technology, alternatives to illegal downloading."

The President shall implement and maintain procedures to carry out the intent of this policy.

APPROVED: Aims Board of Trustees

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