

**Social Networking Sites  
Computer Network Usage**

**ICCCSSO - Summary of Responses (January 29, 2010)**

Do you have a policy for computer network usage? Do you limit or monitor computer time for social and recreational use/sites? Do you have labs designated as 'academic purposes' only?

Black Hawk College	At this time Black Hawk's approach is identical to IVCC.
Illinois Central College	<p>ICC has two formal policies. Both are very general and do not get to the detail of concerns you have stated. The general link to the standards webpage is: <a href="http://www.icc.edu/standards/">http://www.icc.edu/standards/</a></p> <p>We really do not limit the use for social networking for several reasons: 1) used for educational purposes, 2) taking a "study break" and 3) lack of time and personnel to monitor for use consistently. Students using the computer for social networking may be asked by staff to relinquish use for a student with education purposes. Students are then referred to other open computer areas. We do limit the amount of time a "guest user" may use computers in our Libraries for our students use.</p> <p>We have three labs that are considered academic purposes only. It is the understanding that preference is given to a student with a legitimate educational need if all other computers are taken. We are fortunate to have adequate computers on our campuses for reasonable use and our students are understanding of the needs.</p>
Illinois Valley Comm. College	IVCC does not specifically limit social networks. However, our staff will address the issue with students if demand is greater than resources at any given time.
Joliet Junior College	We do not have any policies in place but are looking into it. Your email confirmed the problem is not isolated.

John Wood Community College	John Wood does about the same as Rock Valley.
Kankakee Community College	KCC has a computer technology usage policy. We do not have a policy specific to social usage.
Richland Community College	We do not have a policy specific to social web sites. We do have a responsible use of technology policy. We do not limit the amount of time that you can use the computers in the Library; the primary place to access the sites. Computer space recently expanded; therefore, no limit right now. Labs where classes are held are designated for “academic purposes.”
Rock Valley College	<p>Rock Valley College views the use of social networking as enhancing a healthy college environment. We did try to manage the time but it has proven too difficult. We have a statement in the Acceptable Use policy that prohibits “time-consuming recreational activities and game playing” that we can leverage when conflicts occur. If a computer is not available, the lab assistant may ask a socializing student to give up the computer.</p> <p>We are trying to balance the two distinct needs without adding additional open lab computers. Managing the lab environment is key.</p>
Sauk Valley Community College	Open labs are for educational use first and we reserve the right to ask social network users to leave. Lab assistants can access any computer to monitor what is being accessed. We do not have an open computer lab dedicated to educational/class use only.