Comp Tech - Computer Ethics

Summary

Navigate important information about ethics, rules, and laws by playing a prepared PowerPoint presentation that is available to each student through a shared drive.

Time Frame

2 class periods of 70 minutes each

Instructional Procedures

Ethics, Rules, and Laws are each important when using computers and information resources. Consequences connected to misuse at school, or in other settings, can be great (and grave). In my "lecture" introduction, I present a few "case studies" which differentiate ethics, rules, and laws. Example 1: Would you date your sister's boyfriend (or brother's girlfriend)? Laws would not prohibit it. Rules are not violated. Ethics would be the determining factor on whether it is considered acceptable or not. For most, this would be an ethical breach. Example 2: Could my husband be hired to work at Highland High? Laws: No law is broken. Ethics: It isn't "wrong" to work alongside a spouse. Rules: It would not be allowed. Salt Lake District nepotism policy states that family members of employees may not be hired. Example 3: You want to borrow the program disk for the expensive typing program that you use at school so that you can load it on your computer at home. Ethics? Rules? Laws? All three are violated.

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