

Social Media Use Policy

This policy addresses the use of social media sites by Concorde students, whether or not the use involves the College's WiFi network or other computer resources. Social media includes, but is not limited to: texting, blogs and social media platforms such as Snapchat, Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, Google+, YouTube, Flickr, and Yammer.

Concorde is aware that members of the College community may wish to express their personal ideas, thoughts, and opinions through their private social media accounts (not administered by the College). Nevertheless, Concorde students are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times. Concorde reserves the right, under circumstances it deems appropriate and subject to applicable laws and regulations, to impose disciplinary measures. Such disciplinary measures include dismissal from the College for students who use social media in violation of the guidelines in this policy, in ways that reflect poorly on the College, or interferes with the education of other students and/or the operation of the College. In appropriate cases, the conduct may also be reported to law enforcement authorities.

In connection with the use of social media, the conduct listed below is prohibited:

- Using social media to harass, threaten, insult, defame or bully another person or entity.
- Making threats of injury to any student, patient, member of faculty or staff, or officer or board member, including threats concerning their respective family members or personal property.
- Making comments that insult, disparage, disrespect or defame the College or members of the Concorde community.
- Making discriminatory or harassing comments that violate federal or state law and/or would be prohibited by Concorde's anti-discrimination / anti-harassment policy and/or Title IX policy.
- Violating any intellectual property law, such as copyright, trademark, fair use and/or financial disclosure law.
- Posting or sharing copyrighted content (such as text, video, graphics or sound files) without permission from the holder of the copyright.
- Posting or sharing trademarked content (such as logos, names, brands, symbols and designs) without permission from the trademark owner. The "@" symbol indicates that the mark is federally registered and the owner has the exclusive right to use it. The "TM and SM" symbols indicate that the owner may have common-law rights, but the mark is not federally registered.
- Posting or sharing, a photograph or video image of a student, faculty or staff member without obtaining their permission.
- Posting or sharing a photograph or video of a patient or volunteer that would violate the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).
- Posting images or comments which are vulgar or obscene, or would otherwise violate any applicable law.

For any questions regarding this policy, contact your Campus President.