

## Peer-to-Peer (P2P) File Sharing

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### OPERATIONAL POLICY STATEMENT

Peer-to-peer file sharing (or "P2P") allows users to download media files using a P2P software client that searches for other connected computers. Peer-to-peer file sharing may facilitate the illegal downloading or sharing of copyrighted materials, including music, games, and videos.

Illegal Peer-to-Peer file sharing is prohibited on any computer network at Yavapai College. Prohibited activity includes the illegal downloading or sharing of copyrighted materials, including music, games and videos.

Any computer running P2P software that participates in illegal downloading or sharing will be blocked from campus network access until the software has been removed from the computer. The Information Technology Services (ITS) department must verify removal of the P2P software before network access is restored.

### Alternatives to Illegal Downloading

Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) – [www.mpaa.org](http://www.mpaa.org)

- [www.wheretowatch.com](http://www.wheretowatch.com)

Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) – [www.riaa.com](http://www.riaa.com)

- [www.whymusicmatters.com](http://www.whymusicmatters.com)

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### OPERATIONAL POLICY HISTORY

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