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Online Programs Involving Minors

As a precondition to my participation in a WPI-run or WPI-sponsored online program that will involve minors, I acknowledge that:

1. I have read, understand and agree to comply with the WPI Minors on Campus Policy, which can be found at https://www.wpi.edu/about/policies/minors-on-campus, specifically the provisions related to online programs.

2. I will be positive role models for minors, and act in a caring, honest, respectful and responsible manner that is consistent with WPI’s mission and guiding principles.

3. I will not, under any circumstances:
   - Engage in any sexual activity, make sexual comments, tell sexual jokes, or share sexually explicit material (or assist in any way to provide access to such material) with minors online.
   - Be alone with a single minor online. If one-on-one interaction is required, I will obtain written authorization from the parent/guardian, unless the one-on-one interaction is expressly authorized by the program director or is being undertaken by a health care provider.
   - Meet with minors outside of established times for program activities. Any exceptions require written parental authorization and must include more than one adult from the program.
   - Engage or allow minors to engage me in romantic or sexual conversations, or related matters, unless required in the role of counselor or health care provider.
   - Engage or communicate with minors through private email, text messages, social networking websites, internet chat rooms, or other forms of social media at any time except and unless there is an educational or programmatic purpose and the content of the communication is consistent with the mission of the program and WPI. Group messages and posts are acceptable and must be viewable by all participants and the program director.
   - Engage in any abusive conduct of any kind toward, or in the presence of, a minor, including but not limited to verbal abuse, striking, hitting, punching, poking, spanking, or restraining.
   - Use, possess or be under the influence of, or display any alcohol or illegal drugs when interacting with minors online.
   - Use, possess, or display any type of weapon or explosive device when interacting with minors online.
   - Engage minors in activities involving hazardous materials (chemical, biological, radiation) or work with mechanical tools at home during an online program.
   - Photograph, videotape and/or audiotape minors during the online program. Any exceptions require authorization by the program director and written authorization by a parent/guardian.
   - Permit hazing, harassment, or any type of bullying behavior, including cyberbullying, during the online program.

4. "If I see something, I will say something". I understand that I have an obligation to report immediately to the WPI Police Department and to the event organizer instances or suspected instances of the abuse of, or inappropriate interactions with, minors. This includes information about suspected abuse, neglect, or inadequate care provided by a parent, guardian, or custodian/caretaker. The WPI Police Department can assist in determining whether additional reporting may be required, and can assist in making such reporting. Members making a report in good faith will be protected from criminal and civil liability for making the report. Further, it is WPI’s policy that no one making a good faith report of suspected abuse or neglect will be retaliated against in the terms and conditions of employment or educational program.

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Name (PRINT)       Date

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