Ensuring Students’ Online Privacy and Academic Integrity in Distance Education

Online Privacy:

The protection of a student’s online privacy begins when the student is first admitted to Wesley College. The identity verification process begins with the assignment of a unique identification number and computer account through the Jenzabar EX database. To maintain security, the login credentials are communicated to the student via mail or in person, not electronically. For all students of the College, this is the first step in gaining access to the secure ‘My.Wesley’ portal, which is protected by standard login/password authentication protocols as part of the Jenzabar Internet Campus Solutions (JICS). This process is documented and maintained by the Wesley College Information Technology Department and falls within the broader computer-use policy of the College found in the Student Handbook which can be accessed through our Student Affairs web page.

Academic Integrity:

Students enrolled in on-line courses access them via the same login/password protocols to ensure consistent student identity verification. To ensure the integrity of online testing, Jenzabar eLearning allows instructors to set up a lock-out screen which locks a student out of the test if the student leaves the test screen at any time. In addition, instructors have the ability to use the Respondus LockDown Browser. This browser locks down the test environment, ensuring that students cannot take screenshots, copy/paste, print, view other websites, or use other applications such as instant messenger or email while taking a test.

Additional Protections:

Compliance with FERPA (Family Education Rights and Privacy Act) is ensured not only by the student identification verification process explained above but also by access protocols that restrict non-student access only to the instructor of record of the on-line course. The instructor of record only has access to student information related to the course.

There are no additional charges to the student for identity verification via the My.Wesley portal.