

ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY: ETHICS QUESTIONS ABOUT COMPUTERS IN OUR SCHOOLS

PANEL DISCUSSION

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ABSTRACT

This panel will address the need for educators to introduce computer ethics issues to their students at different levels in the academic process. Each panelist will concentrate on a different stage in a student's life when he or she is using computer technology and is confronted with ethical problems that are related to computer usage. Panelists will present and discuss teaching strategies that encourage students of all ages to become responsible users of technology.

PANELISTS

Florence Appel (St. Xavier University, Chicago) will describe her experiences and the lessons she has learned from ten years of developing and teaching a course on the social and ethical impact of computer technology for computer science majors.

Elizabeth Buchanan (University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee) will explore methods of introducing and integrating ethical reasoning into primary school computer/technology curricula. She will identify the consequences of ignoring ethical issues at this educational level.

Netiva Caftori, Moderator (Northeastern Illinois University) will discuss the teaching of professional ethics, especially those of computer professionals, and the role of Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility (CPSR), a national organization for which she serves as regional director.