



OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

University Policy

Policy #3502

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE, ARCHITECTURE, AND ONGOING OPERATIONS POLICY

Responsible Oversight Executive: Vice President for Administration and Finance
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A. PURPOSE

This policy documents the industry best practices with which the University will align its infrastructure, architecture, and ongoing operations.

B. AUTHORITY

The Commonwealth of Virginia Restructured Higher Education Financial and Administrative Operations Act of 2005 grants institutions additional authority over financial and administrative operations, on condition that certain commitments to the Commonwealth are met. Old Dominion University seeks to enter into a Management Agreement with the Commonwealth for full delegated responsibility for management of the institution's information technology infrastructure, architecture, and ongoing operations. This delegation includes the authority to conduct these activities in accordance with industry best practices appropriately tailored for the specific circumstances of the University, in lieu of following Commonwealth-determined specifications.

Old Dominion University has delegated authority under §23-38.88, *Eligibility for Restructured Financial and Administrative Operational Authority*.

C. DEFINITIONS

EDUCAUSE is a nonprofit association whose mission is to advance higher education by promoting the intelligent use of information technology. <http://educause.edu>

Internet2 develops and deploys advanced network applications and technologies for research and higher education, accelerating the creation of tomorrow's Internet.

D. SCOPE

This policy applies to all Old Dominion University faculty, staff, students, and visitors and governs all information technology resources whether owned by or operated for university business through contractual arrangements.

E. POLICY STATEMENT

The University maintains a list of specific standards and guidelines that should influence decisions affecting key components of its IT infrastructure, architecture, and operations. These standards and guidelines align with industry best practices, appropriately tailored for the specific circumstances of the University, as described by EDUCAUSE, Internet2, and others within higher education, as well as those from healthcare and selected technology industries. It is not the intent of this guidance to in any way inhibit research or other institutional endeavors that by their nature may require the use of cutting-edge technology not yet appropriate for normal use. The guidance is descriptive rather than prescriptive to achieve flexibility where needed. The ultimate goal is to create logical relationships between information technology resources and the mission of the university and its units.

F. PROCEDURES

The specific departmental procedures, standards and guidelines governing information technology security are posted on the Office of Computing and Communications Services Web site and links to these documents are provided in Section H. below.

G. RESPONSIBLE OFFICER

Assistant Vice President for Computing and Communications Services

H. RELATED INFORMATION

[Old Dominion University Board of Visitors Policy 1626](#)

Higher Education Restructuring Act

[04.3.1 - Desktop Management Standard 2007.pdf](#)

[04.3.2 - IT System Security Plan Standard 2007.pdf](#)

[04.3.3 - Server Management Standard 2007.pdf](#)

[04.3.4 - Network Management Standard 2006.pdf](#)

[04.4.1 - Wireless Network Standard 2006.pdf](#)