



OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

University Policy

Policy #3505

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SECURITY POLICY

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

The purpose of this policy is to state the codes of practice with which the University aligns its information technology security program and documents the best practices and standards with which the University aligns its security activities.

B. AUTHORITY

[Virginia Code Section 23-9.2:3, as amended](#), grants authority to the Board of Visitors to establish rules and regulations for the institution. Section 6.01(a) (6) of the [Board of Visitors Bylaws](#) grants authority to the President to implement the policies and procedures of the Board relating to University operations.

[Virginia Code Section 23-38.88, as amended](#), Eligibility for Restructured Financial and Administrative Operational Authority.

C. DEFINITIONS

[Code of Practice for Information Security Management \(ISO/IEC 27002:2005\)](#) - The international standard that defines guidelines and general principles for the effective management of information security within an organization. It is a risk-based framework widely used to guide establishment of security standards and management practices.

[EDUCAUSE Association](#) - A nonprofit association dedicated to the advancement of higher education through the effective use of information technology. Members include representatives from institutions of higher education, higher education technology companies, and other related organizations.

[Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#) – A Federal law enacted to protect access to student records and provide control over the disclosure of information from these records.

[Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act \(GLBA\)](#) - A Federal law enacted to control how financial institutions deal with the private information of individuals.

[Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act \(HIPPA\)](#) – A Federal law enacted to set national standards for the security of electronic-protected health information.

Information Security - The concepts, techniques, technical measures, and administrative measures used to protect information assets from deliberate or inadvertent unauthorized acquisition, damage, disclosure, manipulation, modification, loss, or use.

Information Security Officer (ISO) - The Old Dominion University employee, appointed by the President or designee, who is responsible for developing and managing Old Dominion University's information technology security program.

Information Technology Security Program - A large combination of administrative, physical and technical protections, representing multiple layers of preventive, detective and corrective security controls strategically deployed to ensure the availability, integrity and confidentiality of the University's information resources.

International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) - A global organization that develops and publishes standards addressing electrical, electronic, and related technologies. Membership comes from government, the private sector, consumer groups, professional associations, and others.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) - The world's largest developer of standards. The organization is made up of representatives from governmental and private sector standard bodies, e.g. the American National Standards Institute.

Payment Card Industry Customer Information Security Program (PCI) - A comprehensive set of payment application security requirements designed to ensure the confidentiality and integrity of customer information.

Virginia Alliance for Secure Computing and Networking (VA SCAN) - An organization formed to help strengthen information technology security programs within Virginia. The Alliance was organized and is operated by security practitioners and researchers from several Virginia higher education institutions.

D. SCOPE

This policy applies to all decision makers, developers and planners of campus systems and operations related to the conceptualization, design, acquisition, and maintenance of information technology.

E. POLICY STATEMENT

The University's information technology security program is based upon best practices recommended in the Code of Practice for Information Security Management published by the International Organization for Standardization and the International Electrotechnical Commission (ISO/IEC 27002:2005), appropriately tailored to the specific circumstances of the University.

The program also incorporates security requirements of applicable regulations including, but not limited to, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Payment Card Industry Customer Information Security Program, Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. Professional organizations, such as the national EDUCAUSE Association and the Virginia Alliance for Secure Computing and Networking, serve as resources for additional effective security practices.

The ISO/IEC 27002:2005 Code of Practice and other sources noted above are used to guide development and ongoing enhancement of additional information technology security policies as needed.

F. PROCEDURES

Most security procedures are maintained internally and may be available to relevant parties upon request to the Information Security Officer in the Office of Computing and Communications Services.

[OCCS Procedure 1.2.0 - OCCS Data Center - Disposal of Data](#)
[OCCS Procedure 1.3.0 - OCCS Data Center - Off Campus Equipment Removal](#)
[OCCS Procedure 1.4.0 - OCCS Physical Security](#)
[OCCS Procedure 3.3.2.2 - Disaster Recovery Test Performance](#)
[OCCS Procedure 3.4.2.1 - Backup Tape Exchange](#)
[OCCS Procedure 3.4.2.2 - System Backups and Restoration Non Db](#)
[OCCS Procedure 3.4.2.3 - Review of Backup Logs](#)
[OCCS Procedure 3.4.2.6 - Protection of Backup Media Sent Off-Site](#)
[OCCS Procedure 4.1.1 - Project Management](#)
[OCCS Procedure 5.2.2 - Account Management](#)
[OCCS Procedure 5.4.4 - ODU Campus VPN Access](#)
[OCCS Procedure 6.3.2.1 - Encryption Key Management](#)
[OCCS Procedure 7.2.1 - Physical Access Control - Unauthorized Personnel](#)
[OCCS Procedure 7.2.2 - Safeguards for Protection Against Environmental Risk](#)
[OCCS Procedure 7.2.3 - Safeguard IT Systems and Data Not Residing in Primary Facility](#)
[OCCS Procedure 7.2.4 - Monitoring and Auditing Physical Access](#)
[OCCS Procedure 7.2.5 - Effective Environmental Controls](#)
[OCCS Procedure 7.2.6 - Controlled Access to Hardware and Facilities](#)
[OCCS Procedure 9.3.2.2A - Network Monitoring and Problem Escalation](#)
[OCCS Procedure 9.3.2.2B - nGenius Network Monitoring Start-up and Monitoring](#)
[OCCS Procedure 9.4.2 - Vulnerability Scanning](#)

G. RESPONSIBLE OFFICER

Assistant Vice President for Computing and Communications Services

H. RELATED INFORMATION

[University Policy 4100 – Student Record Policy](#)
[OCCS Standard 01.3.0 - Workplace Device Technologies](#)
[OCCS Standard 02.2.1 - Assignment of IT Security Roles](#)
[OCCS Standard 02.2.2 - IT Security Roles](#)
[OCCS Standard 02.3.2 - Business Impact Analysis](#)
[OCCS Standard 02.4.1 - Data Classification](#)
[OCCS Standard 02.4.5 - Internet Privacy](#)
[OCCS Standard 02.5.2 - System Inventory](#)
[OCCS Standard 02.6.2 - Risk Assessment](#)
[OCCS Standard 02.7.2 - IT Security Audit](#)
[OCCS Standard 02.8.0 - Security Program Review](#)
[OCCS Standard 03.2.2 - Continuity of Operations Planning](#)
[OCCS Standard 03.3.2 - Disaster Recovery - Business Continuity Plan](#)
[OCCS Standard 03.4.2 - IT System and Data Backup and Restoration](#)

[OCCS Standard 04.2.1 - Virus Protection](#)
[OCCS Standard 04.3.1 - Desktop Management](#)
[OCCS Standard 04.3.2 - IT System Security Plan](#)
[OCCS Standard 04.3.3 - Server Management](#)
[OCCS Standard 04.3.4 - Network Management](#)
[OCCS Standard 04.4.1 - Wireless Network](#)
[OCCS Standard 04.5.2 - Malicious Code Protection](#)
[OCCS Standard 04.6.2 - Project Management](#)
[OCCS Standard 05.2.2 - Account Management](#)
[OCCS Standard 05.3.2 - Password Management](#)
[OCCS Standard 05.3.3 - MIDAS Management](#)
[OCCS Standard 05.4.1 - Remote Access](#)
[OCCS Standard 05.4.2 - Portable Computer Management](#)
[OCCS Standard 05.4.3 - Third Party Access](#)
[OCCS Standard 05.4.4 - Virtual Private Network](#)
[OCCS Standard 04.7.1 - IT Infrastructure, Architecture, and Ongoing Operations](#)
[OCCS Standard 06.2.1 - Digital Media](#)
[OCCS Standard 06.2.2 - Data Storage Media Protection](#)
[OCCS Standard 06.3.2 - Encryption](#)
[OCCS Standard 06.3.3 - E-Commerce](#)
[OCCS Standard 07.2.1 - Facilities Security](#)
[OCCS Standard 07.2.2 - Data Center Operations](#)
[OCCS Standard 07.2.3 - University Wiring](#)
[OCCS Standard 08.2.2 - Access Determination and Control](#)
[OCCS Standard 08.2.3 - Payment Gateway Access](#)
[OCCS Standard 08.4.2 - Acceptable Use](#)
[OCCS Standard 08.4.3 - Residential Network](#)
[OCCS Standard 09.2.2 - Threat Detection](#)
[OCCS Standard 09.3.2 - Security Monitoring and Logging](#)
[OCCS Standard 09.4.2 - IT Security Incident Handling](#)
[OCCS Standard 09.5.2 - Data Breach Notification](#)
[OCCS Standard 10.2.1 - IT Asset Control](#)
[OCCS Standard 10.2.2 - Software License](#)
[OCCS Standard 10.2.3 - Service Level Agreements](#)
[OCCS Standard 10.4.1 - Change Management](#)
[OCCS Guideline 1.0.0 - Cloud Computing Guidelines for Faculty and Staff](#)
[OCCS Guideline 1.0.1 - Best Practices in Protecting University Data](#)
[OCCS Guideline 4.3.4.1 - Firewall Best Practices](#)
[OCCS Guideline 4.3.4.2 - Router-Switch Best Practices](#)
[OCCS Guideline 8.3.2 - IT Security Awareness and Training Program](#)

