



# Cybersecurity Plan

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## SB 820 Overview:

On June 10, Texas Senate Bill 820 was signed by Governor Abbott to require Texas school districts to adopt a cybersecurity policy, effective September 1, 2019. In short, TX SB 820 requires school districts to:

- Adopt a cybersecurity framework  
[Fort Hancock Independent School District - Cybersecurity Plan 2019-2020](#)
- Develop a plan to mitigate critical areas of risk  
[Technology Standard Operating Procedures](#)
- Create a program to identify risk  
[Annual Information Risk Assessment Report \(See Appendix\)](#)
- Designate a Cybersecurity Coordinator to report all incidents  
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The Coordinator will report any cyberattack against the district's cyberinfrastructure that constitutes a breach of system security to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and the parent or guardian of any students whose personal information has been affected, in an incident report.

Prior to June 10, there has not been a way for Texas policymakers or education administrators to assess the frequency and scope of data security risks facing schools, or to ensure that families of students affected by a security incident were informed of impactful cyber-related incidents in a timely manner.

This Texas legislation is significant, and its implementation will have strategic importance for policymakers and advocates as they continue to progress the state's ability to improve overall cybersecurity measures.

K-12 cybersecurity incidents are on the rise. On July 24, 2019, Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards issued a state-wide Emergency Declaration in response to an ongoing cybersecurity incident that is affecting several local government agencies. The declaration makes available state resources ranging from cybersecurity experts to the Office of Technology Services to assist local governments in responding to and preventing future data loss.

Additionally, a report released by the K-12 Cybersecurity Resource Center catalogued 122 publicly-reported cyberattacks on school systems across 38 states in 2018. This amounts to roughly one cyberattack every three days, suggesting that school systems across the country have sufficient reason to ramp up cybersecurity initiatives. It is imperative that school systems adequately protect their data.

The most common form of K-12 cyber-attacks are data breaches. Due to the prevalence of these attacks and the sensitivity of the data at risk, it is imperative school districts in Texas meet or exceed compliance with TX SB 820 and implement the robust associated security practices that protect the information of students and the district network infrastructure.

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## **PHYSICAL SECURITY OF TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT, PERIPHERALS AND MEDIA**

### **Purpose**

In order to ensure the overall performance of the technology systems, the equipment must be protected from harm, abuse, misuse and pilfering.

### **Procedure**

1. Rooms or cabinets that house servers will be secured by mechanical means (locks). Access to these rooms/cabinets is restricted to authorized personnel only.
  - a. Keys that allow access to the areas are limited in number and accounted for regularly.
  - b. Review of the personnel who has access to these areas is reviewed several times a year.
2. Rooms or areas that house large amounts of computer or technology equipment (including server rooms, switch closets and computer labs) have environmental controls to ensure that proper heating, cooling, ventilation, and dehumidification is provided.
3. All computer and technology equipment is tagged and inventoried. Non-depreciable assets (< \$2,000) are physically verified against the inventory log for existence and location verification at least bi-annually. Equipment/Fixed Assets (=> \$2,000) are verified annually.
  - a. Verification is made periodically to ensure that equipment is still located where the inventory record states. When equipment is moved, the inventory record should be updated.
  - b. Laptops and other portable pieces of equipment are accounted for periodically by requiring the users to provide the device for physical inspection.
  - c. Software clients such as Novell Zenworks, iBoss MDM, Sophos Central, and Google Admin are capable of gathering inventory information, and can be used to track inventory of computer-based assets. Updates of software clients should be made on a regular basis.
4. Media, such as disks, flash drives and other output should be protected in locked areas or cabinets. Media that is utilized for back-up of information, applications or systems are held in another area building or in a fire-rated cabinet. Aging media are transferred to a current technology (archived)

## **DATA SECURITY – PASSWORDS AND USER ACCOUNTS**

### **Purpose**

To ensure the overall performance of the district via its technology systems and data.

### **Procedure**

1. Password protection is utilized for all network logons. Key district applications also require users to have passwords.
  - a. Users are reminded not to share or write down passwords
  - b. Passwords must be at least eight characters long.
  - c. Passwords for network access are forced to be changed periodically.
  - d. Passwords for key district applications are changed periodically.
  - e. Passwords are user generated and not written down, and can only be reset by the technology department or by the user (after enrolling in a password self-management utility).
  - f. Passwords are not repeated for network access and student information access.
2. Multi-factor authentication is highly recommended whenever available for all staff with access to sensitive information and required for staff with access to confidential information (i.e., Administrators, Confidential Secretaries and other staff in the Business Office/Purchasing/Payroll, Technology, Special Services and Human Resources/Personnel Departments).
3. User accounts are only made for network access and individual application access as required for the completion of the staff duties or learning opportunities for students.
  - a. Access to district wide public or private folders is restricted based on user role
  - b. Access to systems with internal data is granted through either a standing definition of the end-user community authorized to access the system(s) or, a documented approval process.
  - c. Access to systems with confidential data is granted through a two-tier process (i.e., written request/authorization from the employee's supervisor and the data steward of the associated system or their delegate).
  - d. Access is granted using the principle of least privileg

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- e. All users must have unique accounts/credentials for access computer systems and other network resources. Sharing of accounts is strictly prohibited.
  - f. Access to systems is reviewed twice per year for appropriateness.
  - g. Access must be revoked as soon as is reasonably possible, or immediately for confidential systems, when an employee leaves the District.
4. Student network and email accounts are created based on the information entered into the District's Student Information System.
- a. Student usernames follow a standard convention that consists of the student's first name followed by, first letter of their last name.
  - b. Password for students in grades K-12 follow a standard convention.
  - c. Passwords can be viewed and reset/changed by designated District staff.
  - d. When a student leaves the District, their account is suspended once the student's status is updated in the Student Information System.

## **REQUESTING A NEW EMAIL/NETWORK ACCOUNT**

### **Purpose**

To ensure the proper creation of employee user and email accounts.

1. All requests for new accounts must originate from the Human Resource department as part of the onboarding process for new employees.
2. Employees must sign off on all relevant Acceptable Use policies and submit them to the Technology department for record-keeping.
3. Once notified by Human Resources, the technology department will create the user's email and network accounts within 1-2 days.
4. All District e-mail accounts are created in the same format: the user's first initial followed by the user's last name followed by @fhisd.net. In cases of duplicate emails, the first two letters of the users first name are used.

## **REQUESTING TECHNICAL SUPPORT**

### **Purpose**

To ensure all support requests are properly routed and logged for follow-up, data analysis and technician evaluation purposes.

### **Procedure**

1. Submit all support requests using the provided link on the district Staff Links page or by visiting <http://forthancock.schoolobjects.com>.
2. Please provide as much information as possible but at a minimum provide your location (building and room number), your contact information, a description of the issue and any steps taken and any associated asset tags or serial numbers, if available/applicable.
  - No technology issue/request will be addressed unless it has been entered into the District work order tracking system.
  - Except in cases of emergency, which are defined as situations where a large number of rooms/individuals are affected or there is imminent danger, no request or issue should be reported via email or phone directly to any technician or the Director of Technology.
  - If you do not receive an update on your request within 2-3 days (excluding weekends/holidays), please contact the Director of Technology and provide the associated ticket number. Please note that this does not guarantee your issue/request may be resolved within 2-3 days since there are many variables that can impact how quickly an issue is addressed.

## **SYSTEMS SOFTWARE AND APPLICATIONS AUTHORIZED FOR USE IN THE DISTRICT**

### **Purpose**

To ensure the number, type and scope of individual applications are monitored to maximize the efficiency of the technology while not creating an overly complex environment.

### **Procedure**

1. All software must be approved and installed by the Department of Technology.
  
2. Purchase and use of new applications, including those that are web hosted and not actually owned/maintained by the District require approval of the Director of Technology or his/her designee. Among considerations are any licensing issues, purpose of application, compatibility of the new application with the current infrastructure and compliance with District policy as well as Local, State and Federal laws and regulations (i.e., FERPA, CIPA, COPPA, PPRA). The need to expand the infrastructure as a result of the new application (for example, video sharing software that may require additional storage or bandwidth) must also be considered.
  - a. Before new applications are purchased, there is a determination of the needs of the district, a review of available solutions, a compatibility test with existing infrastructure and a determination of the needs satisfied by the application.
  - b. Before implementation of new applications, timelines and deliverables are established. The deliverables include what is expected of the application, training, support, and the time frame for each.
  - c. Before installation of new applications, back-up of systems is done in case of incompatibility and adverse reactions to the new software. Baseline information is held.
  - d. Hardware requirements for the new application are identified and purchased well in advance of installation of new applications, if needed. This allows for the proper testing of the new hardware. Summer imaging provides enough time to create an image of new software and hardware and to test it properly.
  - e. Hardware and operating systems software must be updated with the latest firmware and security updates, before any applications.



## **TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE PURCHASES**

### **Purpose**

To ensure efficiency of technology resources and minimize any associated support/maintenance costs the District Department of Technology has established standards and guidelines for technology purchases.

### **Procedure**

1. Quotes for technology purchases must be obtained from or reviewed by the Department of Technology prior to purchase to ensure compatibility with existing infrastructure as well as compliance with Department standards and best practices.
2. Schools and/or departments should refrain from contacting vendors for quotes directly for technology purchases.
3. A reference quote or proposal number should be included on the body of the purchase order along with both the procurement method (State Contract or Bid number - if applicable) and the following memo/comment: "Order to be sent electronically by Department of Technology"
4. Once purchase order is generated, Department of Technology will place order.
5. Computers, laptops, tablets, printers, faxes and other end-user devices must be first catalogued and configured by the Department of Technology prior to installation or deployment.

## **RECEIVING DELIVERIES**

### **Purpose**

To ensure all items are properly inspected and inventoried upon receipt.

### **Procedure**

1. Inspect shipment for damage. If significant damaged is observed, delivery should be refused.
2. Match the received items to the description stated on the accompanying bill of lading as well as the description on the related purchase order. Any discrepancies should be communicated to immediate supervisor as soon as possible.
3. Determine location for storage based on deployment timeline or next steps.  
For example, if deployment is not planned within the next 30 days, items could be placed into long term storage until a later date. Items to be deployed immediately should be delivered to the next point in the deployment process.
4. Complete delivery checklist, initial the checklist and attach to bill of lading (if shipment was accepted).
5. Tag all items with the appropriate bar coded asset tag.
6. Update the receiving log with the date of delivery as well as the Purchase Order Number.
7. Send original copy of delivery checklist and bill of lading to the Purchasing Department.

## **HARDWARE DEPLOYMENT**

### **Purpose**

To ensure all items are properly configured and cataloged upon deployment.

### **Procedure**

1. Determine timeline and deployment location of all items. Allot sufficient time for any required prepping and/or delivery.
2. Ensure all items to be deployed have a bar coded asset tag.
3. Contact end-user(s) to coordinate earliest convenient deployment date and time.
4. Prep/configure items as necessary.
5. If moving a significant amount of items, contact District Courier (Buildings and Grounds) and building Head Maintenance(s) to arrange for pickup and delivery prior

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to scheduled deployment. To reduce the likelihood of a conflict, give at least 5-7 days' notice.

6. Upon delivery to deployment location, items should be moved to assigned locations immediately or placed in a secure storage location.
7. If replacing existing hardware, equipment should be removed ahead of deployment (if possible) and serial numbers and asset tags of all associated hardware should be logged. All removed hardware, unless otherwise specified, should be moved to the Technology Building. No removed equipment should be left at the building unless it is being re-assigned.
8. After installation is completed, inventory must be updated to ensure all items installed are logged along with all associated serial numbers, asset tags, purchase order numbers, inventory date and assigned campus/room numbers or staff members.

## **MOVING OF EQUIPMENT**

- Only technology department staff can relocate technology equipment. Devices are inventoried to specific rooms and receive settings specific to that location.
- All moves must be approved by the building and/or department administrator.
- Technology purchased with special funding (i.e., Title, Perkins) may have restrictions regarding use that must be considered prior to moving.
- Multi-function Machines (Copiers) can only be moved by the vendor due to lease restrictions.

### **Procedure**

1. Ensure there is available space, furniture and electrical capacity to accommodate the equipment in the new location.
2. An Inventory Transfer Form must be completed by person requesting equipment relocation. Form must be signed and authorized by building administrator, then forwarded to Technology Department to update inventory log.

## **DISCARDING OF EQUIPMENT**

### **Purpose**

To ensure equipment is retired in accordance with District, State and Federal guidelines.

### **Procedure**

1. District equipment may not be thrown away or given away by any individual in the District. Equipment purchased using special funding (i.e., Perkins,) may have

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- additional restrictions regarding retirement/disposal.
2. Any school or department wishing to dispose of any technology equipment should prepare a list including the make, model, serial number, asset tag numbers, if any, and condition of the equipment.
  3. A work order must be completed requesting disposal of equipment. The list of designated equipment should be included.
  4. All equipment designated for disposal should be placed in one specific location in the building.
  5. The list of equipment for disposal will be submitted to the School Board of Trustees for approval.
  6. The Technology Department will attempt to place any working/non-obsolete equipment in another building or department. Any working equipment that is not wanted anywhere else in the district will be offered for sale through a bidding process. Any remaining equipment will be disposed of through an electronics recycling vendor, if possible.
  7. Technicians from the Technology Department will pick up all equipment that has been approved for disposal.

## **SECURING THE DISTRICT NETWORK FROM INTERNET DANGERS**

### **Purpose**

To ensure that unauthorized access to the network does not occur.

### **Procedure**

1. Client anti-malware/virus software is utilized on all Windows and Mac OS computers to prevent major operating system changes and the installation of unauthorized software and cannot be modified by users.
2. All software must be installed by the Department of Technology.
3. All District switches and servers undergo a “hardening process” upon deployment, which includes disabling of unused/vulnerable ports, removal of unnecessary functions and applications, removal of default accounts and/or changing default passwords.
2. The district utilizes a gateway/firewall appliance for intrusion prevention/detection, virus/malware/flood protection and application/bandwidth monitoring and control to minimize the potential for unsolicited and unauthorized access to the network.
  - a. Available and open ports are reviewed periodically.
  - b. Firewall rules are logged and reviewed periodically.

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- c. All traffic to webservers utilize secure protocols with a valid security certificate issued by a CA.
4. Vulnerability scans are performed periodically and a remediation plan is developed to address identified weaknesses.
5. Patches/Updates are applied to operating systems, applications and hardware on an as-needed basis. Operating systems, applications and hardware that are no longer actively supported are considered obsolete and scheduled for retirement/replacement as soon as possible (or feasible). Access to obsolete systems is limited to an as-needed basis.
6. The district secures the wireless network by using Wi-Fi Protected Access II (WPA2) keys to avoid access by unauthorized sources.
  - a. Wireless devices are joined to the network by Department of Technology staff to limit sharing of keys.
  - b. Keys are also periodically changed to prevent unauthorized use.
7. All District systems are required to log activity for a minimum of 30 days for periodic review or if any unauthorized activity is suspected.
8. Archives and other file types commonly used for malicious activity are automatically removed from email communications received by District users. A notice is appended to emails alerting user that the attachment or attachments have been removed.
9. Spam filters are enabled and set to “aggressive” to thwart (to the extent possible) spam/phishing attempts. Blacklists are also utilized for known/common offenders.

## **SECURING THE DISTRICT NETWORK FROM INTERNAL DANGERS**

### **Purpose**

To prevent unauthorized use from within the district.

### **Procedure**

1. The district utilizes “Lock Out” features on all end-user devices (when available/possible), where the workstations and password screensavers automatically lock the unit when not in use (idle) for 15 minutes.
2. Client anti-malware/virus software is utilized on all Windows and Mac OS computers to prevent major operating system changes and the installation of unauthorized software and cannot be modified by users.
3. Access to the network is requested, changed, added and deleted by authorized personnel only on behalf of those staff members who need access.
4. Access to the network will only be granted upon approval/request by the user’s immediate supervisor. For non-employees, approval must be given by either the Superintendent’s office or the department to which the user reports.
5. All District switches and servers undergo a “hardening process” upon deployment, which includes disabling of unused/vulnerable ports, removal of unnecessary functions and applications, removing/changing default passwords and in the case of switches, disabling VLAN 1.
6. The District network is segmented using a combination of physical and virtual controls to limit access to network systems and resources. For example, VoIP phones and surveillance cameras utilize a non-converged network model with their own dedicated switches and fiber pairs. Phones also utilize a separate WAN circuit. On the data network, VLAN’s and access control lists are implemented by IDF closet to segregate traffic. Wireless-LAN devices are logically restricted from accessing devices on the LAN network, unless explicitly allowed.
7. User roles are defined in a way that allows for many users to be grouped together. The use of profiles and Group Policy allows for more standardization and efficiency in administering the security access of each application, desktop and shared folder.
8. All application access is reviewed periodically for discrepancies in the user roles and access to sensitive information.
9. Multi-factor Authentication (MFA) is available and recommended for all applications that support it and required for administrative personnel in departments that handle confidential student or staff information.

## **ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION ARCHIVAL**

### **Purpose**

To store electronic communications made by District staff in the course of their job responsibilities in compliance with applicable records retention requirements.

### **Procedure**

1. District utilizes Office 365 Archive services to maintain electronic backups of email communications.
2. District stores for a period of seven years, all inbound and outbound email messages.
3. Email archival system access is restricted to secure District personnel.
4. Routine checks of the email archival system are made to ensure reliability.
5. As per Board Policy all communication by staff for District purposes must be on District-approved systems for monitoring, security and archival purposes.

## **WEB CONTENT FILTERING AND SUPERVISION**

### **Purpose**

To ensure a safe and secure electronic environment for students.

### **Procedure**

1. District utilizes a content filtering system to monitor and manage access to web sites on all District devices both on and off District property.
2. The District currently filters web sites that may contain content that violates the District's Acceptable Use Policy and/or CIPA.
3. An extension or agent is used to filter all staff and student-assigned devices when off school property.
4. Technology staff conducts regular maintenance of content filter policies and mappings.
5. The content filtering system regularly (automatically) updates to block or allow new web sites based on national and proprietary databases.

## **DATA BACKUPS FOR COMPUTER USERS**

### **Purpose**

To ensure the efficient operation of the District by preventing avoidable user data-loss.

- All users are responsible for backing up their own documents and files. The Technology Department will assist with backups if necessary, but the department does not routinely backup user's data from their computers.
- Due to the configuration of desktop computers in the District, all user files must be kept in the My Documents folder or in the "thaw space" (D Drive) to avoid loss of data.
- Please backup all files that you do not wish to lose in the event of a hard drive failure. A hard drive is a mechanical device that is prone to failure so proper archiving of important data is critical since it may not be retrievable depending on the nature of the hard drive failure.
- The Technology Department recommends that all users either use secure external media or if possible, a District-assigned Google Drive for backing up their files.
- A District Microsoft One Drive account is the preferred method for backing up most files due to its high storage capacity and reliability. All files stored in a District-provided Google Drive account are automatically archived for retention purposes protecting users against data loss. Confidential files such as ARD's and Evaluations should only be stored on a secure drive. If confidential information is stored in the users One Drive account, Two-factor authentication must be enabled to prevent unauthorized access.
- If using external media, ensure the device stores the data with AES 256-bit encryption and requires a password to access. Please do not rely solely on your backup device for storing important data files. Keep your original files on your computer's hard drive and save a copy to your backup device.

## **NETWORK STORAGE AVAILABILITY**

- District employs tools to allow users to save files on a secure server.
- 50 GB "Cloud" storage is offered through One Drive.
- Systematic and regular backups are made of network-stored data.
- Access to individual network space is restricted to individual users and network administrators based on user level permissions.



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- Quotas for space limitations are being utilized so as to not exceed the capacity of the server space.
- Users of the network storage system agree to store content that is in agreement with the District's Acceptable Use Policy.
- Content that violates the District's Acceptable Use Policy is removed immediately and the user's access is suspended.
- Shared network storage is monitored to ensure proper access based on security groups.
- Network administrators check backups of the system regularly.
- A backup policy that ensures quick recovery is in place.

## **ACCEPTABLE USE OF DISTRICT'S TECHNOLOGY AND INFORMATION**

To ensure that anyone who has access to district electronic resources understands what is acceptable use of the technology and information and to ensure that anyone who has access to sensitive information understands the acceptable uses of that information.

### **Procedure**

1. The Board has established a policy that informs all users of the districts' data, systems and information of the acceptable and non-acceptable uses of those district assets. The policy identifies students, staff, parents and guardians, and other users who may have access to the district's data, systems and information.
  - a. Parents who utilize information of the district via the internet (student's grades, lunch accounts, library information, etc.) have an electronic acceptance on the web pages before data is displayed. This acceptance of assurances includes non-disclosure of information that is displayed and other assurances that would appear in a written acceptable use policy.
  - b. Other web users of information are required to have an electronic acceptance on the web pages before data is displayed. These may include calendars, or web requests for use of facilities, these instances may require additional assurances as well (i.e., secure logon).
  - c. All persons with sign-on to the district's network or to district data, i.e. parent portals, are required to agree to the acceptable use policy, which should be listed.
2. The Board has adopted an Acceptable Use Policy that, at a minimum, prohibits the following regarding electronic systems conduct that interferes with or stops district activities, including but not limited to excess download, uploads, printing, copying, bandwidth usage, etc.
  - a. Conduct any activity not related to the district's operation, including, but not limited

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- to, advertising, soliciting business, or political lobbying.
  - b. Involvement in the violation of, or conviction for violation of, federal, state, or local statutes or regulations regarding computers, electronic communications, interstate commerce and/or security regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, material protected by copyright, trade secret, obscenity and related laws.
  - c. Threats, harassment, libel or slander.
3. This policy is reviewed annually for changes in the types of information used and in the types of technology used.
  4. Information as referred to in the policy is not limited to electronic information or simply the use of electronic systems. Controls exist over written information and paper files.
    - a. Individuals who have access to district records should not use the information for personal reasons.
    - b. Sensitive information is stored in a manner that does not allow for easy access. In the case of electronic information, passwords and restrictions based on user are employed. For written and paper files, information is secured by locking cabinets, drawers and doors to offices that hold such information.
    - c. Copies of sensitive material are only made in cases where it is necessary. Any copies of information that is sensitive in nature should be destroyed in an appropriate manner, such as shredding.
  1. All staff members are required on an annual basis to review and sign a form that states that the person signing has read and agrees to uphold the mandated Board policies/regulations posted on the district website.
  2. Violations of the Acceptable Use Policy are spelled out in student and staff code of conduct.

## **SECURING OF SENSITIVE MANUAL (WRITTEN OR PAPER) INFORMATION**

To ensure that sensitive information is properly handled and to limit the potential exposure of information from being obtained through the district.

### **Procedure**

1. All employees who have access to any of the following information are required to sign an acceptable use form at least annually on the proper methods of use, compilation, dissemination and destruction, when appropriate, and safe-guarding of that information.
2. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary or their designees determine those records of a sensitive nature held in the district. The records include, but are not limited to staff, student, volunteer and board member personal information such as address, unlisted phone number, social security number, marital or guardian status, garnishment information, health related information, free and reduced lunch status and disciplinary information.
3. Sensitive information is housed in a locked cabinet or behind locked doors.
  - a. Access to keys is restricted to personnel authorized to view the information.
    1. Keys have “do not duplicate” on them and copies are prohibited, except as needed.
    - b. Areas housing sensitive information are locked whenever the areas are not staffed.
    - c. Whenever possible, sensitive information is stored away from high traffic areas.
4. Original sensitive information files should be housed in a fire rated cabinet, where possible.
5. Backups of paper documents are treated as sensitive. Electronic documents are backed up daily and paper documents are housed in locked areas.

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## **END OF YEAR PROCEDURES**

### **District-Wide Procedures**

- Only technology department staff can relocate technology equipment. Devices are inventoried to specific rooms and receive settings specific to that location. Moves and changes will be performed over the summer and are based on lists received from building administration.
- Users should clear old and obsolete files from their "H" drive or move them to another offline or District-provided online storage device/service. Users should avoid the use of Flash drives as they are insecure and can easily be misplaced or damaged. Documents containing confidential information such as IEP's and evaluations should be destroyed (if not an original or official copy) or moved to the "H" drive. Confidential information should not be stored in any cloud-based storage service unless multi-factor authentication has been enabled.
- Any files on the desktop, within "My Documents" or any location on the computer other than the "H" drive **may be deleted during the summer.**
- Small technology items such as laptops, remotes, scanners and document cameras must be stored in a secure area. A building administrator should have access to this area for inventory, routine maintenance and setup by technology department staff during the Summer.
- All computers, monitors, projectors, printers, scanners, etc. should be powered down.
- A work order should be submitted for any damaged or non-functional technology.
- Staff transferring to other schools within the District must check with the Department of Technology via email or phone regarding their equipment. Equipment rarely moves with an employee.

### **High School-Specific Procedures**

- Many lab and classroom computers are upgraded over the summer. Users should move any local files (My Documents, Downloads, etc.) stored on these computers to the H: Drive or if possible, One Drive.
- Staff with an assigned mobile device that are transferring to a different building or leaving the District, must return their device to the Technology Department in Room 111 prior to the last day of school.

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**Middle School and Elementary Procedures**

- All Chromebooks must be accounted for, placed properly in each slot, plugged into their AC adapter and the cart locked. Please store the key in the provided lockbox. The cart should not be left charging over the summer as this may damage the battery.
  
- Classroom computers may be upgraded over the summer. As a precaution, local files (My Documents, Downloads, etc.) stored on these computers should be moved to the H: Drive or if possible, One Drive as the data currently on the computer is wiped in the upgrade process. If any special applications are installed on any of your systems, please complete a work order and specify your room, applications and whether it was installed on all computers or just the Teacher computer.

## Annual Information Risk Assessment Report

Risk Assessment Committee members: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes No

1. Do you have a security plan?
2. Do you do an annual risk assessment report?
3. Do you have a contingency plan if you lost critical data?
4. Do you have a building and district configuration management plan, (security test and evaluation report)? If so, what are the last dates they were applied and if not when are they planned?
5. Does this system have an Information Systems Security Officer (ISO) assigned?
6. Do you know who your Designated Approving Administrator (DAA) is? (This is the executive responsible for the security of the system)
7. What password policy does your system enforce?
- i. Number of Characters (minimum 7 or 8)
  - ii. Complexity (3 of following 4- upper and lowercase, numbers, special characters)
  - iii. Aging (90 days – max)
  - iv. Account Lockout (5 attempts)
  - v. What method do you use to encrypt passwords in transit and in storage? (key type, key length, etc.)
8. Do you have a procedure for identifying users before resetting passwords?
9. Do you have a method of authorizing new accounts and getting rid of old accounts?
10. Do you have a process to limit access based on job function and/or roles?
11. Do you regularly review your access control lists, if so how often?
12. Do you give individuals only enough access to do their jobs? (i.e. Least privilege rule) Only Tech administrators have administrator rights.
13. Do you enforce each user to be logged on with only one session?
14. Do you enforce password protected screen savers?

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15. Does this system have any external connectivity?
- i. Wireless (describe controls)
  - ii. Internet (describe controls- e.g. VPN, FW, etc.)
  - iii. Dial-in (describe controls- e.g. authentication method, encryption, etc.)
16. Do you use a firewall (briefly describe what is and is not allowed)
17. Do you use an intrusion detection system? (host, network, briefly describe configuration)
18. Do you use a policy compliance tool or agent? Policy and Procedures for end users
19. Do you use vulnerability scanning tools? describe
20. Do you use encryption? If so, describe (symmetric, asymmetric, key lengths, etc.)
21. Do you have auditing turned on?
22. What events are you auditing for?
23. How often do you review audit logs?
24. Do you have a Virus Protection Policy?
25. Do you have virus protection installed?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 26. How often is it updated and is it automatic?
27. Do you have a Contingency Planning/Backups Policy?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 28. How often do you do back-ups?
29. Do you have procedures to restore systems?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 30. How many people could restore systems?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 31. How long would it take to restore systems?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 32. Where do you keep your backups in relation to your system?
33. Do you have a contingency plan that includes continuity of operations?

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34. Have you tested your back-up procedures? Date last tested
35. Have you hardened the system using NSA Hardening Guides or other Industry hardening guides? (Explain)
36. Have you applied all applicable security patches?
37. Have you secured your systems using the SANS Top 20? Deploy an automated asset inventory discovery tool to managed control of all system devices.
38. How do you do change management?
39. Do you have a separate system to test changes?
40. Does your configuration management plan apply to change management?
41. Is your data sensitive, so that it should not be obtainable upon disposal?
42. What method do you use to dispose of data?
- i. Hard drive (Triple overwrite, degauss)
  - ii. Tapes (degauss)
  - iii. CDs (incinerate, chemically destroy)
  - iv. Paper (shred)
43. Are your servers in a locked room with tight access controls?
44. What kind of access controls does your building have?
45. Are there any special considerations that need to be taken into consideration based on building location? (hurricanes, tornados, floods, etc.)
46. Is your system protected from environmental threats? (heat, fire, water, etc.) explain
47. Are your users trained on the security of this system or have they taken security awareness training?
48. Have your users read the rules of behavior or trained for either this system or the organizational rules (SOPs) and district policies?
49. Have employees and/or contractors who have privileged access to this system undergone background investigations? Who checks?



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50. Do you have separation of duties between programmers and administrators? Duty descriptions (In SOPs)

51. Briefly describe your process to handle critical security incidents.

52. Briefly describe your process to handle security advisories.

53. Have you provided security awareness training to all employees? (PowerPoint` and handouts)

54. Is security awareness an ongoing activity throughout the year? Notification of end users of viruses and virus advisories.

55. Are your security officers, system administrators, senior executives, system program managers, and business and departmental managers trained in their security responsibilities? Last date of training for new employees.

56. Have you had a level one *Low Impact Information Resource Occurrence* that has had a limited adverse effect on the District this year? How many?

57. Have you had a level two *Moderate Impact Information Resource Occurrence* that has had a serious adverse effect on the District this year? How many?

58. Have you had a level three *High Impact Information Resource Occurrence* that has had a severe or catastrophic adverse effect on the District this year? How many?

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Superintendent of Schools      date

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Information Security Officer      date