



ETSU Information Security Policy	
Responsible Official: Chief Information Officer	Responsible Office: Information Technology Services

Policy Purpose

This policy specifies the framework for implementing a University-wide, comprehensive, standards-based information security program to protect the information that is critical to teaching, research, and the University's varied activities, our business operation, and the communities we support, including students, faculty, staff members, and the public. These protections may be governed by legal, contractual, or East Tennessee State University (ETSU) policy considerations.

Policy Statement

It is ETSU's policy to support a comprehensive, University-wide, information security program consisting of measures that protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of an organization's data and information systems essential to the mission and institutional strategic goals of ETSU.

ETSU implements information security and privacy programs that are aligned with the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) Cybersecurity Frameworks. Risk management, information security, and privacy programs shall align with the University's mission and its strategic goals, while taking into consideration the University's risk tolerance and finding the appropriate balance between security, University requirements, applicable regulations, and academic freedom.

This policy shall apply to the entire ETSU community including faculty, staff, students, vendors, and third-party personnel. Information security is a shared responsibility. Everyone at the University has a responsibility for the proper handling and protection of ETSU confidential information and ETSU systems.

AUTHORITY: Focus Act § 49-8-203 et. seq; National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) 800 series.

PREVIOUS POLICY: Information Security Policy 1/29/20

Defined Terms

A defined term has a special meaning within the context of this policy.

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Related Form(s) and Policies

[Information Security Awareness Training](#)

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Scope and Applicability

Primary:

Secondary: