



# PROVIDENCE HALL CHARTER SCHOOL

## Providence Hall Charter School IT Security Plan

### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the secure use and handling of all district data, computer systems and computer equipment by Providence Hall students, patrons, and employees.

### 2. Plan

#### 2.1 Technology Security

It is the policy of Providence Hall Charter School to support secure network systems in the district, including security for all personally identifiable information that is stored on paper or stored digitally on district-maintained computers and networks. This policy supports efforts to mitigate threats that may cause harm to the district, its students, or its employees. The district will ensure reasonable efforts will be made to maintain network security. Data loss can be caused by human error, hardware malfunction, natural disaster, security breach, etc., and may not be preventable.

All persons who are granted access to the district network and other technology resources are expected to be careful and aware of suspicious communications and unauthorized use of district devices and the network. When an employee or other user becomes aware of suspicious activity, he/she is to immediately contact the school's IT Manager with the relevant information. This policy and procedure also covers third party vendors/contractors that contain or have access to Providence Hall Charter School critically sensitive data. All third party entities will be required to sign the Restriction on Use of Confidential Information Agreement before accessing our systems or receiving information.

It is the policy of Providence Hall Charter School to fully conform with all federal and state privacy and data governance laws. Including the Family Educational Rights and privacy Act, 20 U.S. Code §1232g and 34 CFR Part 99 (hereinafter "FERPA"), the Government Records and Management Act U.C.A. §62G-2 (hereinafter "GRAMA"), U.C.A. §53A-1-1401 et seq and Utah Administrative Code R277-487.

Professional development for staff and students regarding the importance of network security and best practices are included in the procedures. The procedures associated with this policy are consistent with guidelines provided by cyber security professionals worldwide and in accordance with Utah Education Network and the Utah State Board of Education. Providence Hall Charter School supports the development, implementation and ongoing improvements for a robust security system of hardware and software that is designed to protect Providence Hall Charter School's data, users, and electronic assets.

### **3. Procedure**

#### **3.1. Definitions:**

**3.1.1. Access:** Directly or indirectly use, attempt to use, instruct, communicate with, cause input to, cause output from, or otherwise make use of any resources of a computer, computer system, computer network, or any means of communication with any of them.

**3.1.2. Authorization:** Having the express or implied consent or permission of the owner, or of the person authorized by the owner to give consent or permission to access a computer, computer system, or computer network in a manner not exceeding the consent or permission.

**3.1.3. Computer:** Any electronic device or communication facility that stores, retrieves, processes, or transmits data.

**3.1.4. Computer system:** A set of related, connected or unconnected, devices, software, or other related computer equipment.

**3.1.5. Computer network:** The interconnection of communication or telecommunication lines between: computers; or computers and remote terminals; or the interconnection by wireless technology between: computers; or computers and remote terminals.

**3.1.6. Computer property:** Includes electronic impulses, electronically produced data, information, financial instruments, software, or programs, in either machine or human readable form, any other tangible or intangible item relating to a computer, computer system, computer network, and copies of any of them.

**3.1.7. Confidential:** Data, text, or computer property that is protected by a security system that clearly evidences that the owner or custodian intends that it not be available to others without the owner's or custodian's permission.

**3.1.8. Encryption or encrypted data** – The most effective way to achieve data security. To read an encrypted file, you must have access to a secret key or password that enables you to decrypt it.

**3.1.9. Personally Identifiable Information (PII)** - Any data that could potentially identify a specific individual. Any information that can be used to distinguish one person from another and can be used for de-anonymizing anonymous data can be considered Protected data

**3.1.10. Security system:** A computer, computer system, network, or computer property that has some form of access control technology implemented, such as encryption, password protection, other forced authentication, or access control designed to keep out unauthorized persons.

**3.1.11. Sensitive data** - Data that contains personally identifiable information.

**3.1.12. System level** – Access to the system that is considered full administrative access. Includes operating system access and hosted application access.

### **3.2. Security Responsibility**

3.2.1. Providence Hall Charter School shall appoint, in writing, an IT Security Officer (ISO) responsible for overseeing District-wide IT security, to include development of District policies and adherence to the standards defined in this document.

### **3.3. Training**

3.3.1. Providence Hall Charter School, led by the ISO, shall ensure that all District employees having access to sensitive information undergo annual IT security training which emphasizes their personal responsibility for protecting student and employee information. - Training resources will be provided to all District employees.

3.3.2. Providence Hall Charter School, led by the ISO, shall ensure that all students are informed of Cyber Security Awareness.

3.3.3 Providence Hall Charter School students will be trained annually in the procedures outlined in Board Policy (Acceptable Student Use of Internet, Computers, and Network Resources). All Providence Hall Charter School employees will be instructed in the procedures contained in Board Policy (Acceptable Employee Use of Internet, Computers, and Network Resources).

### **3.4. Physical Security**

#### **3.4.1. Computer Security**

3.4.1.1. Providence Hall Charter School outlines procedures that all employees must take to ensure security on district systems.

3.4.1.2. Providence Hall Charter School shall ensure that any user's computer must not be left unattended and unlocked, especially when logged into sensitive systems or data including student or employee information. Automatic log off, locks and password screen savers should be used to enforce this requirement.

3.4.1.3. Providence Hall Charter School shall ensure that all equipment that contains sensitive information will be secured to deter theft.

3.4.1.4 Personally Identifiable Data (PII) should not be stored and transported on any external storage devices.

### **3.4.2. Server/Network Room Security**

3.4.2.1. Providence Hall Charter School shall ensure that server rooms and telecommunication rooms/closets are protected by appropriate access control which segregates and restricts access from general school or District office areas. Access control shall be enforced using either keys, electronic card readers, or similar method with only those IT or other staff members having access necessary to perform their job functions are allowed unescorted access.

3.4.2.2. Telecommunication rooms/closets may only remain unlocked or unsecured when because of building design it is impossible to do otherwise or due to environmental problems that require the door to be opened.

3.4.2.3 Unescorted access to the district data center must be approved by the ISO.

### **3.4.3. Contractor access**

3.4.3.1. Before any contractor is allowed access to any computer system, server room, or telecommunication room the contractor will need to present a company issued identification card, and his/her access will need to confirmed directly by the authorized employee who issued the service request or by Providence Hall Charter School's IT Department.

## **3.5. Network Security**

3.5.1. Network perimeter controls will be implemented to regulate traffic moving between trusted internal (District) resources and external, untrusted (Internet) entities. All network transmission of sensitive data should enforce encryption where technologically feasible.

### **3.5.2. Network Segmentation**

3.5.2.1. Providence Hall Charter School shall ensure that all untrusted and public access computer networks are separated from main district computer networks and utilize security policies to ensure the integrity of those computer networks.

3.5.2.2. Providence Hall Charter School will utilize industry standards and current best practices to segment internal computer networks based on the data they contain. This will be done to prevent unauthorized users from accessing services unrelated to their job duties and minimize potential damage from other compromised systems.

### **3.5.3. Wireless Networks**

3.5.3.1. No wireless access point shall be installed on Providence Hall Charter School's computer network that does not conform with current network standards as defined by the Network Manager. Any exceptions to this must be approved directly in writing by the Information Security Officer.

3.5.3.2. Providence Hall Charter School shall scan for and remove or disable any rogue wireless devices on a regular basis.

3.5.3.3. All wireless access networks shall conform to current best practices and shall utilize at minimal WPA2 AES encryption for any connections. Open access networks are not permitted, except on a temporary basis for events when deemed necessary.

### **3.5.4 Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)**

3.5.4.1 - Upon signature on acceptable use policy letters, staff, faculty, and students may use personal devices on Providence Hall's network.

3.5.4.2 - Personal devices are limited to 2 devices per person on Providence Hall networks at any given time

3.5.4.3. Users may use personal devices to access Internet and Public facing district systems only. No access to internal systems is allowed.

### **3.5.4. Remote Access**

3.5.4.1. Providence Hall Charter School shall ensure that any remote access with connectivity to the District's internal network is achieved using the District's Remote Access Services. The District's Information Security Officer approves all remote access requests.

### **3.6. Access Control**

3.6.1. System and application access will be granted based upon the least amount of access to data and programs required by the user in accordance with a business need-to-have requirement.

3.6.1.1 Access to systems that contain Personally Identifiable Information (PII) about students or employees must be authorized by the supervising administrator and reviewed by the district IT Department.

3.6.1.2 All Non-District employees (contract workers, volunteers, etc.) requiring access to PII must be authorized by the ISO.

### **3.6.2. Authentication**

3.6.2.1. Providence Hall Charter School shall enforce strong password management for employees and contractors. Student passwords will have various forms of complexity commensurate with the student's age, ability, and access to their sensitive information.

#### **3.6.2.2. Password Creation**

3.6.2.2.1. All server system-level passwords must conform to the Password Construction Guidelines posted on the Information Systems Department Site.

3.6.2.2.2 Student and Staff password guidelines are posted in the District Documents Center under Information Systems.

#### **3.6.2.3. Password Protection**

3.6.2.3.1. Passwords must not be shared with anyone. All passwords are to be treated as sensitive, Confidential information.

3.6.2.3.2. Passwords must not be inserted into email messages or other forms of electronic communication.

3.6.2.3.3. Passwords must not be revealed over the phone to anyone. Passwords may be shared over the phone by the Providence Hall Charter School IT Helpdesk to the appropriate person following a verification process.

3.6.2.3.4. Do not reveal a password on questionnaires or security forms.

3.6.2.3.5. Do not hint at the format of a password (for example, "my family name").

3.6.2.3.6. Any user suspecting that his/her password may have been compromised must report the incident and change all passwords.

3.6.2.3.7 Providence Hall Charter School will require students and staff to change passwords on regular intervals to protect against unauthorized access.

### **3.6.2. Authorization**

3.6.2.1. Providence Hall Charter School shall ensure that user access shall be limited to only those specific access requirements necessary to perform their jobs. Where possible, segregation of duties will be utilized to control authorization access.

3.6.2.2. Providence Hall Charter School shall ensure that user access should be granted and/or terminated upon timely receipt, and management's approval, of a documented access request/termination.

### **3.6.3. Accounting**

3.6.3.1. Providence Hall Charter School shall ensure that audit and log files are maintained for all critical security-relevant events such as: invalid logon attempts, changes to the security policy/ configuration, and failed attempts to access objects by unauthorized users, etc.

### **3.6.4. Administrative Access Controls**

3.6.4.1. Providence Hall Charter School shall limit IT administrator privileges (operating system, database, and applications) to the minimum number of staff required to perform these sensitive duties.

### **3.7. Incident Management**

3.7.1. Monitoring and responding to IT related incidents will be designed to provide early notification of events and rapid response and recovery from internal or external network or system attacks.

### **3.8. Business Continuity**

3.8.1. To ensure continuous critical IT services, IT will develop a business continuity/disaster recovery plan appropriate for the size and complexity of District IT operations.

3.8.2. Providence Hall Charter School shall develop and deploy a district-wide business continuity plan which should include as a minimum:

Backup Data: Procedures for performing routine daily/weekly/monthly backups and storing backup media at a secured location other than the server room or adjacent facilities. As a minimum, backup media must be stored off-site a reasonably safe distance from the primary server room.

Secondary Locations: Identify a backup processing location, such as another School or District building.

Emergency Procedures: Document a calling tree with emergency actions to include: recovery of backup data, restoration of processing at the secondary location, and generation of student and employee listings for ensuing a full head count of all.

### **3.9. Malicious Software**

3.9.1. Server and workstation protection software will be deployed to identify and eradicate malicious software attacks.

3.9.2. Providence Hall Charter School shall install, distribute, and maintain spyware and virus protection software on all district-owned equipment, i.e. servers, workstations, and laptops.

3.9.3. Providence Hall Charter School shall ensure that malicious software protection will include frequent update downloads (minimum weekly), frequent scanning (minimum weekly), and that malicious software protection is in active state (real time) on all operating servers/workstations.

3.9.4. Providence Hall Charter School shall ensure that all security-relevant software patches (workstations and servers) are applied within thirty days and critical patches shall be applied as soon as possible.

3.9.5. All computers must use the District approved anti-virus solution.

3.9.6. Any exceptions to section 3.9 must be approved by the IT Manager and/or Administration member.

### **3.10. Internet Content Filtering**

3.10.1. In accordance with Federal and State Law, Providence Hall Charter School shall filter internet traffic for content defined in law that is deemed harmful to minors.

3.10.2. Providence Hall Charter School acknowledges that technology based filters are not always effective at eliminating harmful content and due to this, Providence Hall Charter School uses a combination of technological means and supervisory means to protect students from



harmful online content.

3.10.3. In the event that students take devices home, Providence Hall Charter School will provide a technology based filtering solution for those devices. However, the District will rely on parents to provide the supervision necessary to fully protect students from accessing harmful online content.

3.10.4. In the event that employees take devices home, Providence Hall Charter School will provide a technology based filtering solution for those devices.

3.10.5. Students shall be supervised when accessing the internet and using district owned devices on school property.

### **3.11. Data Privacy**

3.11.1. Providence Hall Charter considers the protection of the data it collects on students, employees and their families to be of the utmost importance.

3.11.2. Providence Hall Charter School protects student data in compliance with the *Family Educational Rights and privacy Act, 20 U.S. Code §1232g and 34 CFR Part 99* ( "FERPA"), *the Government Records and Management Act U.C.A. §62G-2* ( "GRAMA"), *U.C.A. §53A-1-1401 et seq, 15 U.S. Code §§ 6501–6506* ("COPPA") and *Utah Administrative Code R277-487* ("Student Data Protection Act").

3.11.3. Providence Hall Charter School shall ensure that employee records access shall be limited to only those individuals who have specific access requirements necessary to perform their jobs. Where possible, segregation of duties will be utilized to control authorization access.

### **3.13. Security Audit and Remediation**

3.13.1. Providence Hall Charter School shall perform routine security and privacy audits in congruence with the District's Information Security Audit Plan.

3.13.2. District personnel shall develop remediation plans to address identified lapses that conforms with the District's Information Security Remediation Plan Template.

3.14. Employee Disciplinary Actions shall be in accordance with applicable laws, regulations and District policies. Any employee found to be in violation may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment with the Providence Hall Charter School.