

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMPLIANCE WITH IT POLICIES AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT	Policy 8.01
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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline the College's commitment to complying with its Information Technology (IT) policies while fostering continuous improvement. This policy establishes a framework for prioritizing critical compliance efforts, achieving meaningful progress in security and operational practices, and aligning with legal, regulatory, and industry standards.

The College's compliance efforts will initially prioritize the CIS Controls Implementation Group 1 (IG1) to implement foundational security practices that support continuous improvement while minimizing administrative burden.

II. SCOPE

This policy applies to all IT policies including Access Control, Data Classification and Handling, Incident Response, and related areas. It governs all College employees, students, contractors, and third-party vendors who are subject to these policies.

III. PROCEDURES

See Procedure 8.01.01 COMPLIANCE WITH IT POLICIES AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PROCEDURE and Procedure 8.01.02 TECHNOLOGY SERVICES PROCEDURE.

LEGAL REFERENCES

- North Carolina Statewide Information Security Manual
- CIS Controls v8
- NIST Cybersecurity Framework
- State Board of Community Colleges Code, 1B SBCCC Subchapter 700 - Information Security Program

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