GUIDELINES FOR NETWORK AND INTERNET ACCESS FOR DEVICES

OBJECTIVE:

Southwestern College Network Access and Internet Connection

Southwestern College, through the IT department, provides access to our resources through our network infrastructure. In an effort to maintain a safe, secure and private network we need to implement certain guidelines regarding devices that may connect to our wired and wireless network access points.

POLICY:

Approved Devices:
1) Southwestern College provided/issued devices. These are electronic devices that are provided to the individuals for their use by SC. These might include laptops, desktops, printers, tablets and other devices that need network access or internet access.
2) Southwestern College Validated devices. There are electronic devices that have been physically inspected and approved by the IT department. These might include personal laptops, gaming systems, tablets and other devices that need network access or internet access.

Unapproved Devices:
1) There are certain devices that will not be approved devices. These will include devices that already have their own internet access such as cell phones or other devices that have their own internet connection.
2) Any devices not brought up to the IT department for a physical inspection will not be on our approved list.

Internet Access for Devices:
1) All approved devices will be managed through our large pool of internet bandwidth. This bandwidth will be managed to provide optimum access and response to legitimate educational resources. When congestion occurs, priority will be given to academic resources such as Blackboard and Self-Service.
2) All unapproved devices will be sharing a very limited pool of bandwidth, which will have the lowest priority available.

Device Validation:
1) All devices will be validated annually.
2) All SC provided devices will be validated by the IT department automatically without requiring user input.
3) All personal devices that are validated will need to be renewed annually by the user physically bringing the device to the IT department for the annual device inspection. The validation period will be announced every year.