



**COLLEGE of CENTRAL FLORIDA**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE**

<b>Title: Data Loss Prevention</b>	
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**Purpose**

Data Loss Prevention (DLP) encompasses the processes and rules used to detect and prevent the unauthorized transmission or disclosure of confidential information. The purpose of this procedure is to establish a framework of controls for classifying and handling college data based on the data's level of sensitivity, storage location, value, and criticality to the college. The control elements of DLP help to ensure data is utilized in its intended manner.

Confidential data can reside on or in a variety of mediums (pictures, paper documents, shred bins, physical servers, virtual servers, databases, file servers, personal computers, point-of-sale devices, USB drives and mobile devices) and can move through a variety of methods (human, network, wireless, etc.). The college relies on a variety of DLP strategies and solutions to prevent data loss. The college's DLP strategies and solutions are reevaluated regularly to ensure their relevancy and effectiveness.

This security procedure applies to all college employees and users of the college's computer systems. Individuals working for institutions affiliated with the college are subject to the same rules when they are using the college's information technology resources or have any means of access to college data that has been classified as confidential or private.

**Data Classification**

Data classification, in the context of information security, is the classification of data based on its level of sensitivity and the impact to the college should that data be disclosed, altered or destroyed without authorization. Classification of data will aid in determining baseline security controls for the protection of the data. All institutional data is classified into one of three sensitivity levels (tiers), or classifications:

**Tier1-Confidential Data**

Data is classified as Confidential when the unauthorized disclosure, alteration or destruction of that data could cause a significant level of risk to the college or its affiliates. Unauthorized access to or disclosure of confidential information could constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy and cause financial loss and damage to the college's reputation and the loss of community confidence. Examples of Confidential data include data protected by state or federal privacy regulations and data protected by confidentiality agreements. The highest level of security controls should be applied.

Access to Confidential data must be controlled from creation to destruction, and will be granted only to those persons affiliated with the college who require such access in

order to perform their job (“need-to-know”). Access to Confidential data must be requested for an individual and approved by the individual’s Vice President, Provost or Executive Director. Data access granted to individuals must be reviewed and authorized by the Data Owner who is responsible for the data.

### **Tier 2-Internal/Private Data**

Data is classified as Internal/Private when the unauthorized disclosure, alteration or destruction of that data could result in a moderate level of risk to the college or its affiliates. By default, all information assets that are not explicitly classified as Confidential or Public data should be treated as Internal/Private data. A reasonable level of security controls should be applied to internal data.

Access to Internal/Private data must be requested for an individual and approved by the individual’s Vice President, Provost or Executive Director. Data access granted to individuals must be reviewed and authorized by the Data Owner who is responsible for the data. Access to Internal/Private data may also be authorized to groups of persons by their job classification or responsibilities (“role-based” access), and may also be limited by one’s department.

Internal/Private Data is moderately sensitive in nature. Often, Tier 2 Internal/Private data is used for making decisions, and therefore it’s important this information remain timely and accurate. The risk for negative impact on the college should this information not be available when needed is typically moderate. Examples of Internal/Private data include official college records such as financial reports, some research data, and budget information.

### **Tier 3-Public Data**

Data is classified as Public when the unauthorized disclosure, alteration or destruction of that data would result in little or no risk to the College and its affiliates. While little or no controls are required to protect the confidentiality of Public data, some level of control is required to prevent unauthorized modification or destruction of Public data.

Public data is not considered sensitive; therefore, it may be granted to any requester or published with no restrictions. The integrity of Public data should be protected. The impact on the institution should Level 3 Public data not be available is typically low, (inconvenient but not debilitating).

### **Data Collections**

Data Owners may wish to assign a single classification to a collection of data that is common in purpose or function. When classifying a collection of data, the most restrictive classification of any of the individual data elements should be used. For example, if a data collection consists of a student’s name, address and social security number, the data collection should be classified as Confidential even though the student’s name and address may be considered Public information unless specifically marked as Do Not Publish.

### **Restricted Data**

“Restricted data” is a particularly sensitive category of Tier 1-Confidential data. Restricted data is defined as ‘any confidential or personal information that is protected by law or policy and that requires the highest level of access control and security protection, whether in storage or in transmission’.

Restricted data includes, but is not necessarily limited to:

- Personally Identifiable Information (PII)
- Private Educational Records protected under FERPA
- Credit card data regulated by the Payment Card Industry (PCI)
- Electronic Protected Health Information (ePHI) protected by Federal HIPAA legislation or Florida medical privacy laws
- Information specifically identified by contract as restricted
- Other information for which the degree of adverse effect that may result from unauthorized access or disclosure is high

**Restricted Data - Personally Identifiable Information (PII)**

Unencrypted electronic information that includes an individual's first name or initial and last name, in combination with any one or more of the following:

- Social security number
- Driver license number
- Financial account number, credit card number, or debit card number in combination with any security code, access code, or password

**Restricted Data - Private Educational Record (protected under FERPA)**

Unencrypted electronic information that includes any one or more of the following:

- Name of the student's parent or other family member
- Address of student's family
- Personal identifier, such as the student's social security number
- A list of personal characteristics that would make the student's identity easily traceable
- Disciplinary status
- Financial aid, tuition, payments, account balances
- Grades, exam scores, or GPA (grade point average)
- Class roster
- Applications and admissions information
- Schedules
- Evaluations, forms, memos, or correspondence to and about the student
- Birth date
- Gender
- Citizenship
- Marital status

A student has the ability to authorize another person to discuss the student's FERPA restricted data with college employees. The student can create and manage their Personal Identification Number on the MyCF portal. If the student shares their college ID and PIN with another person and that person communicates the ID and PIN with college personnel, the college personnel will first verify that the PIN provided by the person is the student's current personal identification number before proceeding to discuss any of the student's FERPA restricted data.

**Restricted Data - Payment Card Information (PCI)**

Credit card account number with any of the following:

- Cardholder name
- Service code
- Expiration date

**Data Handling Requirements and Safeguards**

Nearly 100% of college employees work on virtual desktop (VDI) terminals and their data files are stored on the college network. Automated data backups of all databases and file stores are run nightly. Networked data is stored off-site in a secure location.

For each restricted data classification, the data handling requirements and restrictions are defined to appropriately safeguard the information. All employees must adhere to the following requirements and restrictions regarding the storage and handling of unencrypted restricted data:

Data Storage and Handling	PCI	PII	FERPA
Network Shared Drive	No	Requires authorization	Requires authorization
Workstation <i>(college owned and managed computer)</i>	No	Requires special authorization and should be rare	Requires authorization
Copying/Printing	No	Should only be printed for legitimate need. Limited to employees authorized to access the data and who have signed a confidentiality agreement. Print should not be left unattended on a printer/fax or in a public area. Must be sent via Confidential envelope; data must be marked 'Confidential'.	Should only be printed for legitimate need. Limited to employees authorized to access the data and who have signed a confidentiality agreement. Print should not be left unattended on a printer/fax or in a public area. Must be sent via Confidential envelope; data must be marked 'Confidential'.
Mobile computing devices <i>(laptops, tablets)</i>	No	No	Requires authorization. Requires password protection
Removable media <i>(CDs, USB drives)</i>	No	Requires special authorization and should be rare. Requires password protection.	Requires authorization. Requires password protection and encryption
Home and travel computer <i>(college owned and managed computer)</i>	No	Requires special authorization and should be rare. Requires password protection.	Requires authorization. Requires password protection.
College Email communication	No	No	No
Electronic File Transfer	No	Requires secure FTP	Requires secure FTP
Cloud based commercial server <i>(hosted off campus, Dropbox)</i>	No	No	No

Personal email	No	No	No
Personally-managed computer ( <i>home computer</i> )	No	No	No
Personal Smart Phone	No	No	No

**Data Disposal Requirements and Safeguards**

Paper documents that include confidential or private data and are ready for disposal must be properly shredded. Documents that are awaiting shredding must be stored in a secure location.

Electronic data files that contain confidential or private data should be deleted and completely removed from the trash, if applicable, as soon as they are no longer necessary.

Electronic devices that may have contained confidential or private data and are ready for disposal must be drilled or destroyed.

**Data Discovery**

Data discovery is one of the key elements of a DLP program. Regardless of the amount of security controls that have been implemented, it is likely that confidential data may be at risk. The college relies on several strong discovery tools to conduct data discovery and to remediate potential data leaks. A data discovery assessment will be conducted regularly.

**Securing Data in Motion**

Email is a primary form of college communications. Email may at times include confidential data despite the restriction that unencrypted restricted data cannot be included within an email communication. To enforce compliance requirements for such ‘data in motion’, CF uses Cisco’s IronPort email security appliance. It provides more than 100 predefined DLP policies to detect sensitive data, numerous methods to handle DLP violations, and capabilities for reporting and auditing email security. If a sensitive message requires encryption, the message can be automatically quarantined or encrypted using the Cisco IronPort Email Encryption feature – an agentless encryption mechanism that does not require PKI certificates, key management, or any recipient training.

**Securing Data in Use and Data at Rest**

CF uses Jenzabar CX/JX for the college’s Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system. The ERP data is stored within an Informix database and contains confidential data for students, employees and vendors. Auxiliary systems store data within SQL Server databases and may also contain sensitive data. Access to the confidential or sensitive data stored within these college databases is restricted to employees who need the data to perform their duties. CF uses network security, system security and secure data transmission procedures to prevent intentional or unintentional data leakage from the databases.

Employee generated data is unstructured and can be difficult to secure. There is a rapid and seemingly endless growth of employee generated data. A data discovery assessment will be conducted regularly to identify and protect confidential data when it has been stored in an unstructured environment. The college will use data discovery software to provide visibility into the content of data across all file systems, detect sensitive data, identify when the data was

stored, when the data was last accessed and who has access to the data. As a result, the confidential data will be deleted if it is no longer needed or encrypted if it must be retained.

### **Employee Training and Awareness**

Employees are instrumental to the success of the college's data loss prevention (DLP) plan. Every employee must have a clear understanding of their role in protecting college data and they must be fully aware of the consequences that may result from a data breach. College employees are regularly exposed to training and reminders regarding data loss prevention, including:

- Broadcast IT Security email messages
- Employee IT Security training
- FERPA training
- IT Security messages on network time-out screens
- Red Flag Training

### **Violations**

Anyone who knows or has reason to believe that another person has violated this procedure shall report the matter promptly to his/her supervisor, department head or the Chief Information Officer. After a violation of this procedure has been reported or discovered, the issue will be handled as soon as possible to reduce harm to the college and its affiliates. Violators of this procedure may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including the termination of employment depending on the severity of the violation or data breach.