Information Security Policy

It is imperative that Lake Forest College computer data, hardware, networks, and software be adequately protected against unauthorized access, alteration, or damage.

Lake Forest college will protect it’s information resources and assets, including its networks, by controlling access, creating appropriate physical and logical barriers to unauthorized access, configuring its hardware and software to protect networks and applications, and by monitoring network activity. All of these measures apply to each employee, student, contractor, or other third party who connects to the College network or other information asset. This includes connections through remote access.

Only authorized individuals will be granted access to Lake Forest College information resources. Access will be granted according to need after consultation with and approval from appropriate academic or administrative officials. Confidential or sensitive College information may be stored only on assets owned by Lake Forest College.

The Lake Forest College network, systems, and applications are designed to limit user access to only those systems or data required to meet an academic or business need. Our data center and networking wiring centers are secured against unauthorized physical entry. The College will employ system and hardware configurations to control access, including remote access, to the College information technology assets.

Lake Forest College will configure its hardware and software to eliminate known security vulnerabilities and will apply vendor-produced software patches promptly. The College will filter and scan incoming email messages and files for viruses, worms, or other malicious programs.

Lake Forest College will observe change control management practices. The degree of review a change receives is determined by its impact on College information systems or users.

Lake Forest College will further protect its data and networks by backing up data according to industry-accepted standards. The College will plan appropriate measures to recover its information assets from disaster or other significant interruption of service.