General Policy - Mandatory Computer Anti-Virus Software

Definition:

Anti-virus software- A program that detects and cleans destructive computer codes that can destroy files and data.

Virus - A computer program or piece of code that is loaded onto your computer without your knowledge, and runs against your wishes. Most viruses can also replicate themselves and can possibly destroy data on a disk.

Rationale:

A great deal of time has been, and is being, expended by support technicians trying to keep up with the ongoing problem of viruses on campus. Often by the time the virus is detected, irreparable damage has been done to either the boot sector of the hard drive or the software on the drive. This damage can require a complete rebuild of the computer system . Faculty, staff and students transport these viruses between home, office, and classrooms.

This policy requires anti-virus software be installed, active and have current updates on all computers connected to Bismarck State College networks.

Policy:

An updated version of anti-virus software will be installed and activated on every computer connecting to Bismarck State College networks.

Exception:

Exceptions to this policy require the approval of the Chief Information Officer.

History of This Policy:

Policy first drafted by the Computer Use Committee in AY 97-98. Approved by the President's Cabinet on May 11, 1998. Revised on September 11, 2000; April 19, 2004; July 27, 2006; July 30, 2013.