



## **POLICY 2.501**

**5-B** I recommend that the Board approve development of the proposed **new** Policy 2.501, entitled “Information Security – Access Control Policy.”

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### **Development**

### **CONSENT ITEM**

- This policy sets forth access to information systems and services on the basis of business and information security requirements, as well as to meet any requirements of state or federal law. Additionally, it sets forth:
  - User IDs creations
  - Access controls for Network and servers
  - Password standards
  - Minimum access rights
  - Separation of duties
  - Periodic review of User access
  - Regulations on unattended computers
  - Controls for physical access

See Item 5A/Policy 8.123 for the referenced IT User Standards and Guidelines Manual.

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### INFORMATION SECURITY - ACCESS CONTROL POLICY

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3 1. **Purpose:** To control access to information. Access to information systems and  
4 services should be controlled on the basis of business and information security  
5 requirements as well as to meet any requirements of state or federal law. This  
6 Policy does not prohibit or restrict public access to inspect data and information on  
7 publicly available District technology resources.
  
- 8 2. **Definitions:** The IT User Standards and Guidelines Manual provides definitions of  
9 terms used within this Policy. This Manual is incorporated herein by reference as  
10 part of this Policy and can be located on the District's IT Security web site at:  
11 <http://www.palmbeachschools.org/it/security.asp>.
  
- 12 3. **Policy:**
  - 13 a. **User Access Management.**
    - 14 i. All users, except third party users and as stated below, will be  
15 automatically assigned a unique User ID for their use only. As to third  
16 party users, they will be assigned a User ID, on request by their District  
17 contact/coordinator, when in the best interest of the District. Further, all  
18 users will have a password. Yet, as to students, see School Board Policy  
19 8.123, sub-paragraphs (2) (d) & (e), relating to passwords and User ID's.
  
    - 20 ii. Access to the network/servers and information systems will be by User ID  
21 and password and, in appropriate cases, a secondary authentication  
22 method may be necessary, such as a smartcard, PIN number or biometric  
23 data.
  
    - 24 iii. IT shall utilize appropriate information system controls to enforce the  
25 password standards defined in the IT User Standards and Guidelines  
26 Manual.
  
    - 27 iv. Users will only be given sufficient rights to all systems they have been  
28 specifically approved and authorized to use based on the District's  
29 business and information security requirements, as well as to meet any  
30 requirements of state or federal law. Access is also controlled by the  
31 District's web site filtering policy—School Board Policy 8.125.
  
    - 32 v. User rights will be kept to a minimum at all times. Employees shall be  
33 given, by default, basic access to e-mail and calendaring services and  
34 appropriate self-service HR services, such as eBenefits and ePay.

- 35 vi. Users requiring access, other than basic, to information systems must  
36 make the requests for access according to processes defined by each  
37 information system owner.
- 38 vii. The information system owner shall be identified and will determine user  
39 access rights for their systems. Information system owners shall consider  
40 separation of duties when determining user access rights.
- 41 viii. System administration rights to information systems, including network  
42 devices, shall be restricted to the appropriate users based on the  
43 District's business and information security requirements.
- 44 ix. The user's User ID shall be disabled when a change in his/her status,  
45 such as resignation or termination, has occurred.
- 46 x. User's access rights shall be periodically reviewed to make sure the  
47 access is approved and authorized based on the District's business and  
48 information security requirements.
- 49 b. Physical Access Management.
- 50 i. Users must not leave their computer or other access unit unattended  
51 during normal work hours without first logging off or invoking a password  
52 protected screen saver.
- 53 ii. Users must turn off their computers or other access units at the end of  
54 normal work hours. If a computer or other access unit must stay on after  
55 normal work hours, precautions shall be taken to prevent unauthorized  
56 use.
- 57 iii. Physical access into facilities that contain information systems, such as  
58 computer rooms and data storage areas, shall be restricted to those  
59 people that are approved and authorized based on the District's business  
60 and information security requirements. Physical access shall be  
61 controlled using methods such as walls, locks, key card systems, and  
62 biometric readers.
- 63 iv. Physical access into controlled facilities shall be logged and monitored.

64 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Fla. Stat. §§ 1001.32(2); 1001.41(2); 1001.42(26);  
65 1001.43(1)

66 LAWS IMPLEMENTED: Fla. Stat. §§ 1001.32(2); 1001.43(3); 1001.42(8) & (9);  
67 1003.31; 1006.28(1)

68 HISTORY: \_\_\_/\_\_\_2010

Legal Signoff:

The Legal Department has reviewed proposed Policy 2.501 and finds it legally sufficient for development by the Board.

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