EDUCAUSE Policy looks beyond what technology makes possible to address what is legal, appropriate, and ethical at the international, federal, state, and campus levels. We work to inform our members on the latest issues that have an impact in higher education IT policy, and work with members to influence policy development.

**Campus Policy and Compliance**
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Colleges and universities establish IT policies to manage technology resources productively and effectively; control illegal or inappropriate behavior; and comply with an increasing number of state and federal regulations. Campus IT policy requires year-round attention as well as immediate policy response—often requiring mobilization of carefully selected problem-solving teams—in the case of events such as data breaches or malicious postings on social networks.

EDUCAUSE convenes and supports campus policy discussions for its members and the higher ed community through workshops, education sessions and presentations, and online communities. It works with the Campus Policy Working Group and others to develop white papers, articles, blog postings, briefs, best practices, guides, and other targeted resources.

**Policy Issues**
EDUCAUSE Policy monitors and influences dozens of issues for its members, including:
- Acceptable Use Policies
- Affordability of Education
- Assessment of Learning
- Breach Response
- Copyright and IP
- Data Management
- .edu Domain
- Export Controls
- IT Accessibility
- Law Enforcement Access
- Longitudinal Data Systems
- Identity Management
- National Broadband Plan
- Network Neutrality
- Online Learning
- Outsourcing and Cloud
- Peer-to-Peer Filesharing
- Privacy
- Social Networking
- Universal Service Fund

**Public Policy**
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Technology has a significant impact on our economy and on society in general. As a result, Congress, state legislatures, and an expanding variety of government agencies—internationally and domestically—are creating technology-related laws and regulations. In some cases, the effect on colleges and universities is direct and targeted; in others, it’s indirect or even accidental. Regardless, complying with such requirements remains a moving target that often requires knowledge-sharing and collaboration among multiple institutions.

EDUCAUSE draws on the knowledge, perspective, and practices of its members to help national and state policy makers understand the positive role that technology plays in higher education and how they can support it. As providers of network and technology services to students, faculty, and staff, colleges and universities are subject to...
legal and regulatory requirements in areas such as disability access, cybersecurity, and privacy. From informal meetings to complex negotiated rulemaking sessions, EDUCAUSE Policy connects with key government agencies, national associations, and public interest groups to channel expertise—and, when necessary, joint action—to provide essential input into policy processes. We also tap the full spectrum of U.S. higher education to inform and educate the campus technology community about the implications of proposed legislation and regulation, including compliance.

**Cybersecurity and Identity Management**
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Higher education faces the daunting task of ensuring the security of information resources while operating within a culture of openness. The complexity and changing nature of security threats continue to challenge IT organizations on a number of levels.

Beyond the campus, higher education plays an important role in national cybersecurity. EDUCAUSE supports the higher education IT community with programs and events that emphasize strategies, policies, and tools to address vulnerabilities that threaten college and university technology environments.

The Higher Education Information Security Council (HEISC), sponsored by EDUCAUSE and Internet2, works to improve information security and privacy programs across higher education through its community members and focused partnerships with government, industry, and other academic organizations. To advance its mission, the council actively develops and promotes awareness and understanding, effective practices and policies, and solutions for the protection of critical IT assets and infrastructures. HEISC works to organize higher education and facilitate collaboration around privacy and security issues.

Identity and access management (IAM) is among the most pressing higher education IT challenges that continue to grow in importance as institutions attempt to handle increasingly complex technologies, as well as diverse and challenging access needs. In addition, demand is increasing for federated access to services between and within organizational boundaries, which imposes legal, audit, security, and support challenges. The Identity and Access Management Working Group operates an open mailing list for the general discussion of IAM topics. EDUCAUSE also maintains resources on IAM and Federated Identity Management.

**Annual Security Professionals Conference**

The premier forum for higher ed IT security professionals. What you need to know to protect your information from ever-changing threats, and about the latest compliance requirements.

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