



Panola College Virtual Private Network Access Policy

PURPOSE:

The Virtual Private Network Access Policy exists to protect Panola College (PC) information technology resources. Security of the information technology resources that reside on the PC domain is ensured in part through restricting remote access. Virtual Private Network (VPN) allows Panola users to securely access the College's network via an existing connection to the internet from a remote location.

Security, internet access and configuration of the connecting computer are solely the responsibilities of the user account holder making the connection and must comply with the PC Acceptable Use policy.

SCOPE:

The Panola College Virtual Private Network Access policy applies equally to all individuals with authorized VPN accounts accessing PC information technology resources.

POLICY STATEMENT:

1. It is the responsibility of individuals with VPN privileges to ensure that unauthorized users are not allowed access to the PC network using their security credentials.
2. VPN authentication is attained using PC user account credentials.
3. VPN gateways are managed by Panola College ITS.
4. Only Panola College owned devices are allowed to connect to the PC VPN.
5. VPN users will be automatically disconnected from PC's network after a designated time out period as determined by PC ITS. The user must then logon again to reconnect to the network.

6. VPN access does not guarantee access to all campus systems/applications. Access to systems/applications will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, if necessary.

DEFINITIONS:

Unauthorized user: A person who has not been given official permission or approval to access PC systems.

Virtual Private Network (VPN): Extends a private network across a public network, like the internet, to provide remote offices or individuals with secure access to the PC network using special hardware and software.

VPN Gateway: (Also known as a VPN Router) is a connection point that connects two networks which are connected by a non-secure network such as the internet.