

# Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College (A-B Tech) Policy Manual

# Policy 1008: Outgoing Virtual Private Network (VPN) Connections

It is the policy of the Board of Trustees that any College-issued device shall not use an outgoing virtual private network (VPN), or any other network traffic anonymizing services (including tools, such as web browser plug-ins, which provide similar functionality), unless there is a business need. If a business need requires these services, IT will assist with the set-up and maintenance, per standard operating procedures, after approval by the Vice President of Operations/Chief Information Officer (CIO). Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from employment.

## Scope

This policy applies to all A-B Tech employees.

## Definitions

*VPN:* Technology that tunnels online activity to an endpoint elsewhere on the Internet.

*Business Need:* A situation or process related to College activities which warrants, in the judgement of the CIO, the utilization of a VPN connection

## References

Approved by the Executive Leadership Team on October 23, 2019

Approved by the College Attorney on November 25, 2019

## Policy Owner

Vice President of Operations/CIO, Ext. 7900

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