Network Access Policy

Introduction
The Texas A&M University-Kingsville network infrastructure is provided as a central utility for all users of Texas A&M University-Kingsville Information Resources. It is important that the infrastructure, which includes cabling and the associated ‘active equipment’, continues to develop with sufficient flexibility to meet Texas A&M University-Kingsville demands while at the same time remaining capable of exploiting anticipated developments in high speed networking technology to allow the future provision of enhanced user services.

1. Purpose
The purpose of the Texas A&M University-Kingsville Network Access Policy is to establish the rules for the access and use of the network infrastructure. These rules are necessary to preserve the integrity, availability and confidentiality of Texas A&M University-Kingsville information.

2. Audience
The Texas A&M University-Kingsville Network Access Policy applies equally to all individuals with access to any University Information Resource.

3. Network Access Policy
3.1. Users are permitted to use only those network addresses issued to them by TAMUK CIS.
3.2. All remote access to Texas A&M University-Kingsville resources will be established only through protocols approved by Texas A&M University-Kingsville. This includes, but is not limited to services such as Gotomypc, or PCAnywhere.
3.3. Users inside the Texas A&M University-Kingsville network may not be connected to the University network at the same time communications devices including but not limited to tethered cell phones or cellular USB adapters used to connect to an external network. Users inside the boundaries of the Texas A&M University Kingsville network may not remain connected to the network while simultaneously using another internet connection medium including but not limited to a tethered cell phone or other cellular communication device.
3.4. Users must not extend or re-transmit network services in any way including by installing a router, switch, hub, or wireless access point to the Texas A&M University-Kingsville network without TAMUK CIS approval.
3.5. Users must not install network hardware or software that provides network services without Texas A&M University-Kingsville CIS approval.
3.6. Non TAMUK computer systems that require network connectivity must conform to TAMUK CIS Standards.
3.7. Users must not download, install, or run security programs or utilities that reveal weaknesses in the security of a system. For example, Texas A&M University-Kingsville users must not run password cracking programs, packet sniffers, network mapping tools, or port scanners while connected in any manner to the Texas A&M University-Kingsville network infrastructure.
3.8. Users are not permitted to alter network hardware in any way.

4. Disciplinary Actions
Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination for employees and temporaries; a termination of employment relations in the case of contractors or consultants; dismissal for interns and volunteers; or suspension or expulsion in the case of a student. Additionally, individuals are subject to loss of Texas A&M University-Kingsville Information Resources access privileges, civil, and criminal prosecution.