Portable Computing Security Policy

Introduction
Portable computing devices are becoming increasingly powerful and affordable. Their small size and functionality are making these devices ever more desirable to replace traditional desktop devices in a wide number of applications. However, the portability offered by these devices may increase the security exposure to groups using the devices.

1. Purpose
The purpose of the Texas A&M University-Kingsville Portable Computing Security Policy is to establish the rules for the use of mobile computing devices and their connection to the network. 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 Portable Computing Security Policy applies equally to all individuals that utilize Portable Computing devices and access University Information Resources.

3. Portable Computing Policy
   3.1. Portable computing devices must be password protected.
   3.2. Texas A&M University-Kingsville data should not be stored on portable computing devices. However, in the event that there is no alternative to local storage, all sensitive University data must be encrypted using approved encryption techniques such as PGP. The University currently provides a site license for this software. Users may contact CIS for assistance with the installing this software. Remove sensitive information if it is not required.
   3.3. Texas A&M University-Kingsville data must not be transmitted via wireless to or from a portable computing device unless approved wireless transmission protocols along with approved encryption techniques are utilized.
   3.4. Unattended portable computing devices must be physically secure. This means they must be locked in an office, locked in a desk drawer or filing cabinet, or attached to a desk or cabinet via a cable lock system.
   3.5. University data should never be transferred to mobile computing devices not belonging to the university. This includes but is not limited to smart phones, netbooks, iPads, or other mobile computing devices.

4. Disciplinary Actions
Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary 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.