



**Title of Policy:** FIREWALL SECURITY POLICY

**Policy (check one):** New  Revised  Reformatted

**Applies to (check all that apply):**

Faculty  Staff  Students

Division/Department  College

**Topic/Issue:**

To implement a Firewall Security Policy that governs how the College's IT resources shall be secured and protected.

**Background to Issue/Rational for Policy:**

To ensure that Firewall(s) have been implemented and configured appropriately to protect BCCC's IT infrastructure and network systems from untrusted sources and unauthorized personnel.

**State/Federal Regulations Requirements (cite if applicable):**

State of Maryland, Department of Information Technology Security Policy (October, 2009). **Information Security Policy, Version 2.2**, Sections 7.3 and 7.4, located at <http://doit.maryland.gov/support/Pages/SecurityPolicies.aspx>

National Institute of Standards and Technology Special Publication 800-41(September, 2009). **Guidelines on Firewalls and Firewall Policy, Revision 1**, Section 4, located at <http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/nistpubs/800-41-Rev1/sp800-41-rev1.pdf>

**Policy Language:**

It is the policy of Baltimore City Community College to install and configure Firewall(s) to protect the College's Local Area Networks (LAN) from untrusted sources such as the Internet. In specific functional areas, Firewalls are used to restrict connectivity between the internal networks used to service sensitive and confidential information (financials, faculty/staff, and students). All Firewalls are configured and administered in accordance with the *State of Maryland, Department of Information Technology Security Policy* and the *National Institute of Standards and Technology*, in an effort to provide an additional layer of security for the College's resources.

**Proposed Implementation Date:** March 1, 2011

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**Approved by the Board of Trustees:** March 22, 2011

**Originator/Division:** CITS/President's Office

*\*This policy once approved by the Board of Trustees supersedes all other policies.*