



**SWEETWATER COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT #1**

Agenda Item 13-b

Recommendation for the approval of the Information Classification Policy

Information Classification Policy

Policy #:

Version #: 1.0

Approved By:

Effective Date:

Purpose:

The Information Classification Policy is intended to assist employees of Sweetwater County School District #1 to make decisions regarding what information may and may not be released to the public or disclosed to any individual outside of the organization.

Scope:

This policy applies to all Sweetwater County School District #1 workforce members including, but not limited to full-time employees, part-time employees, trainees, volunteers, contractors, temporary workers, and anyone else granted access to sensitive information.

Policy:

All Sweetwater County School District #1 information will be organized into two main classes. These classes are "Public" and "Confidential."

Public information is information that can be shared freely with anyone inside or outside of the organization without the possibility of negative consequences. ~~Public information includes, but is not necessarily limited to:~~

- ~~• General information about Sweetwater County School District #1 such as the mission statement~~
- ~~• Most marketing information~~

~~Confidential information includes all other information, such as sensitive information that when shared or disclosed could possibly have a negative consequence. It is understood that there are varying levels of sensitive information, and the lengths employees should go to protect the information depends on the sensitivity.~~

~~Sweetwater County School District #1 will rely on the professional judgment of the individual on a daily basis when using and disclosing confidential information. If an individual is unsure of the relative sensitivity of a piece of information, they could contact their supervisor or the Security Officer.~~

~~Confidential information includes, but is not necessarily limited to:~~

- ~~• Sensitive¹ information~~

~~If the sensitivity of the information is not readily apparent, the creator of the document may mark the document as "Sweetwater County School District #1 Confidential" in a prominent location.~~

¹ "Sensitive" is defined as any information that is not readily available to the public under federal or state public records accessibility laws. If a workforce member is unsure of whether information is sensitive and subject to this policy, the member must receive approval from their supervisor before sending in an unencrypted manner.

Responsibilities:

All individuals identified in the scope of this policy are responsible for:

- Abide by the terms and guidelines set forth by this policy

~~The Security Officer is responsible for:~~

- ~~• Ensuring all workforce members understand and follow security related policies and procedures~~

Compliance:

District and/or legal action may be taken for violations of applicable regulations and standards such as state and federal rules to include the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Procedure(s): None

Form(s): None

References:

- The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99)
- International Standards Organization (ISO 27002).