

# **ENSURE READINESS FOR THE MSIP 6 STANDARD ON CYBERSECURITY AND PRIVACY**

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MOREnet is providing this information and guidance, in consultation with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), to assist districts and charters with successful alignment to Standard L10 E in the Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP) 6 Standards.

# MSIP 6 STANDARD

*School Safety L10 - The school system actively addresses school safety and security in all facilities*

*E. The school system implements a cyber/privacy security plan, utilizing nationally accepted standards*

To successfully meet this standard, the school district will **document its plans** to implement these Top 10 items, at a minimum.

The following industry accepted information security frameworks were referenced in the creation of this document:

NIST-National Institute of Standards and Technology

- SP 800-53, 171, CSF – Cybersecurity Framework

CIS Controls – Center for Internet Security

1. Inventory & control of hardware and software
2. Implement complex passwords
3. Document a plan to implement MFA
4. Develop/document a process for backups & restores
5. Implement an ongoing cybersecurity awareness program
6. Deploy endpoint protection
7. Create a plan for patching
8. Remove local administrator rights for end users
9. Develop a disaster recovery/incident response plan
10. Document a plan for protecting data privacy

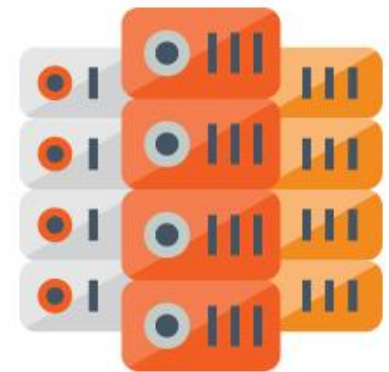
# INVENTORY

## Hardware and Software

- Network equipment
  - Servers, switches, APs, IoT, virtual
- End user devices
  - PCs, laptops, tablets, peripherals, phones
- Cloud software, Apps
- Installed software

## Authorized AND Unauthorized

CIS Controls 1 & 2-Inventory & Control  
NIST SP 800-53



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# IMPLEMENT COMPLEX PASSWORDS

- 15-character length
- Upper/lower case
- Numbers
- Special Characters (! % ;)



CIS Control 5- Account management  
CIS Control 6- Access management  
NIST SP 800-63C

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# MULTI FACTOR AUTHENTICATION



- Employee email
- Remote access
- Privileged accounts
- Access to sensitive data

CIS Control 6-Access Control Management  
NIST SP 800-63c

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# BACKUP AND RESTORE PROCESSES\*

- Documentation
  - Schedule, what, where, when, who
- Offsite
- Offline
- Test restore
  - Do not assume that all backup processes are successful



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# CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS\*



- Develop and document a plan
- Ongoing training
- Phishing simulations

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CIS Control 14-Security Awareness and Skills Training  
NIST SP 800-50

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# ENDPOINT DETECTION, PROTECTION, AND RESPONSE



- Monitor
  - Collect activity
  - Prevent attacks
  - Respond
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- Next generation anti-virus
  - Enable Host firewall

# PATCHING

- Documentation
  - Who, when, where, what
  - Audit process
- Hardware
  - Network equipment
  - End user devices
  - Peripherals, mobile devices
- Software
  - Operating system
  - Firmware



# ACCESS CONTROLS

- Turn off local domain permissions for end users
- Establish a policy of least privilege
  - Access on a need-to-know basis
- Separate logins for domain administration



CIS Control 5 Account Management, 6-Access  
Control Management, NIST 800-53

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# INCIDENT RESPONSE PLAN

Develop a written incident response plan.

- Save time and money when an incident occurs
- Test the plan
- Revise and improve the plan on a regular basis



# DATA PRIVACY\*

Document a plan for protecting data privacy

- Identify PII (personally identifiable data)
- Encryption
- Safe transfers of data
- Disposal of data



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# CYBERSECURITY ASSESSMENTS



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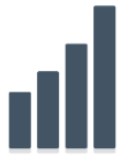
We can provide a comprehensive assessment to help you determine and improve your overall cybersecurity posture.

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CONNECTIONS

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CASES

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DNS

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

4



TRAINING

21



USERS/CONTACTS

76

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Threat Management

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Cybersecurity Awareness

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# QUESTIONS?

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# Top 10 ways to start your Cyber/Privacy security plan

To successfully meet the MSIP 6 standard, the school district will document its plans to implement these Top 10 items, *at a minimum*.

1. Inventory and control of hardware and software assets connected to the infrastructure physically, virtually, remotely, and within cloud environments.



2. Implement complex password requirements.  
15-character length  
Upper/lower case  
Numbers  
Special characters (!, ", %)



3. Document your plan toward implementing multi-factor authentication (MFA), requiring MFA for:  
Employee email  
Remote access  
Privileged account or access



4. Develop and document a process for offsite and offline backups and testing restore processes of critical data.\*\*



5. Implement an ongoing cybersecurity awareness program that includes simulated phishing campaigns.\*\*



6. Deploy endpoint detection and protection (EDP) on all managed devices.  
EDP will monitor and collect activity data, analyze, and automatically respond to identified threats or suspicious activity. Examples of endpoint detection and protection include such things as anti-virus software, malware detection software, enabled host firewall, etc.



7. Create an audited, written plan for patching hardware and software.



8. Remove local administrator rights for end users. Establish a policy of least privilege.



9. Develop a written Disaster Recovery/Incident Response Plan. Test and update on a regular basis.



10. Document a plan for protecting data privacy. E.g., Missouri Student Privacy Alliance (MOSPA), Student Data Privacy Consortium (SDPC)



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