

# McLennan Community College

## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Reference:	E-XXXI-b	Effective Date	05/01/2014
Subject:	Official E-mail Communication Policy		
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Remarks:	Policy updated to new format.		

### **Scope**

This policy applies to all students enrolled at McLennan Community College (MCC) and to all MCC employees. All students, staff, and faculty will use their official college e-mail addresses when conducting college business.

It is MCC's policy to assign all students, upon registration, an official e-mail address, which may remain in effect up to twelve months after students are no longer enrolled at MCC. MCC student e-mail addresses will be the only e-mail authorized to communicate official college information or business. Students are expected to read and, if needed, respond in a timely manner to college e-mails. It is suggested that students check college e-mail daily to avoid missing time-sensitive or important college messages. Students may forward college e-mails to alternate e-mail addresses; however, MCC will not be held responsible for e-mails forwarded to alternate addresses. A student's failure to receive or read official communications sent to the student's assigned e-mail address in a timely manner does not absolve the student from knowing and complying with the content of the official communication.

### **Privacy and Confidentiality**

Official college communications sent by e-mail are subject to public information, privacy, and records-retention requirements and to other policies and procedures.

### **Instructional Uses of E-mail**

Faculty members will determine classroom use of e-mail or electronic communications. Faculty will expect students to check college e-mail on a regular basis unless another communication method is indicated in the course syllabus. Faculty should inform students in the course syllabus of any special or unusual expectations for electronic communications. If a faculty member prefers not to communicate by e-mail with her/his students, it should be reflected in the course syllabus and information should be provided for the preferred form of communication.

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### **Appropriate Use of Electronic Communication**

The official college e-mail address assigned to students can be revoked if it is determined the student is utilizing it inappropriately. College e-mail must not be used to send offensive or disruptive messages nor to display messages that violate state or federal law.

Use of College e-mail must comply with the following policies:

- I. “Responsible Use of College Computing Resources” (E-XXXI); and
- II. “General Conduct Policy” (E-VIII).

### **Right to Change Policy**

McLennan Community College reserves the right to interpret, change, amend, or rescind this policy, in whole or in part, at any time.