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Technology for Education & Vocational Programming

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Introduction

With the mission to improve public safety by positively changing lives, the Department recognizes the transformative power of education in a correctional setting.

- To support our college partners in ensuring high-quality educational program delivery, DOC has implemented an Off-State Network Project, to include a secured-internet system for education in prison facilities statewide.
- **Comprehensive Rollout**: This project covers education programming spaces, law libraries, and correctional industries.
- **Cross-Functional Team**: Unified effort by IT, Cyber Security, Education Services, and statewide education partners.

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Background

- WaTech restrictions on State Government Network (SGN) access previously required DOC and college partners to manage 36 separate, standalone networks to support education programming.

- 2019 WCCW pilot demonstrated the viability of secured-internet.
  - Positive results from the pilot led to a 2021 legislative proviso supporting a statewide rollout.

- DOC now provides this secure environment through its specialized Off-State Network (OSN).

- College partners simultaneously support the initiative by owning and operating Securebook laptops distributed to students.

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Benefits of OSN Network

- **Modernizes Infrastructure**: Eliminates redundant and outdated systems.
- **Centralizes Management**: Reduces administrative overhead and costs.
- **Scales with Business**: Offers flexible, adaptable business solutions.
- **Strengthens Security**: Facilitates adoption of emerging best practices.
- **Empowers Education**: Provides secure internet for incarcerated learners and instructors.
- **Cloud Connectivity**: Securely stores student profiles and work for easy access.

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Current Education Partners

Centralia College

Edmonds College

Grays Harbor College

Peninsula College

Olympic College

Community Colleges of Spokane
Spokane Community College

Walla Walla Community College

Community and Technical Colleges
Washington State Board

the evergreen state college

University of Puget Sound

Education Website Approval

- DOC maintains the OSN cybersecurity framework, including a dedicated Content Review Committee and a formal approval process for website "whitelisting."

- To be added to the OSN, a website request must undergo a multi-stage review and receive approval from the following:
  - The local Education Dean or Director
  - The SBCTC Corrections Education IT Team
  - The DOC Education Services Administrator
  - The Cyber Security Unit

- Following formal approval, the website is immediately made available across the statewide OSN.

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Current State

- **Full Deployment**: Operational at all prison facilities; 100% education team migration.
- **Scale**: 3,720+ active user profiles on the OSN.
- **Expanded Resources**: Direct access to JSTOR, research databases, and Canvas.
- **Digital Testing**: Fully implemented online GED® testing capabilities.
- **Enhanced Safety**: Expanded access to secure websites for classroom use.

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Future State

- **Wi-Fi Infrastructure**: Installing Wi-Fi infrastructure for all classrooms and programming spaces.
- **Long-Term Vision**: Expanding OSN Wi-Fi access to every living unit statewide.
- **Dedicated Support**: Targeted IT resourcing to ensure ongoing expansion and system maintenance.

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