



Higher Education Act of 2008

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Peer-to-Peer File Sharing

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) of 2008 requires universities to comply with the following requirements:

- Provide an Annual Disclosure to students describing copyright law and campus policies related to violating copyright law.
 - GVSU provides an annual disclosure via electronic mail to all GVSU student email accounts.
- Provide a plan to 'effectively combat the unauthorized distribution of copyrighted materials' by users of the GVSU network.
 - GVSU procedure consists of accepting and responding to Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) notices.
- Provide a plan to 'offer alternatives to illegal downloading'.
 - Annual email sent, each fall semester, to all students regarding illegal downloading
 - Reference Educause sources at <http://www.educause.edu/library/resources/panel-peer-peer-file-sharing-looking-win-win-solutions>

Distant Learner Verification

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) of 2008 requires universities to comply with the following requirements:

- Provide processes to ensure that students who register in a distance education course or program are the same students who participate in and complete the program and receive academic credit.
 - GVSU provides unique student accounts and passwords that allow the student access to his/her academic records and course/program content.
 - GVSU expects the security and confidentiality of that account and password to be maintained by the student.

Emergency Notification/Evacuation

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) of 2008 requires universities to comply with the following requirements:

- Provide an annual test emergency/evacuation procedures
- Publish procedures to notify campus community upon confirmation of a 'significant emergency or dangerous situation'
 - GVSU will provide the information unless 'professional determination' by law enforcement determines that notice would compromise containment efforts or greater risk
 - Refer to the [GVSU Police Department website](#) for more information
- Provide a method to immediately disseminate emergency notification following a 'professional determination' by law enforcement/other authorities that an emergency exists
 - GVSU provides email, text and voice communication to all GVSU constituents
 - GVSU provides an annual training individual building representatives on proper procedures for managing building emergency announcements and evacuation procedures as needed
 - GVSU provide annual CLERY training for designated GVSU employees