

Taylor University Network Extension Policy *(Includes Wireless Networking)*

Any and all network technologies are subject to University policies and Taylor University's Acceptable Computer Usage Policy found at:
http://www.taylor.edu/sharedFiles/pdf/Acceptable_Computer_Usage_policy.pdf.

Background

Because it is the responsibility of the Taylor University Information Technology department to provide security, ensure appropriate use, and allocate access to network resources and bandwidth in an equitable manner to the Taylor community, it has laid out several guidelines to help users understand the specifics regarding connecting devices to the network.

University Departments and Employees

Only network extension devices (including devices such as hubs, switches, routers, and wireless access points) installed and managed by Taylor University Information Technology will be allowed for use on the Taylor University network (with the exception of the residence halls...see below). University faculty and staff are not permitted to install their own network extension equipment. Departments wishing to extend their network connectivity or implement wireless networking must contact the Information Technology department.

Residence Halls

One network port per student is provided in residence hall rooms. This is sufficient for connecting to the network one computer or network device at a time. Some students on Taylor ResNet may wish to extend the network in their room and have more than one computer in their residence hall room, or may want to have other network devices, such as printers or game consoles, in addition to their primary computer. If more than one network port is desired, unmanaged **switches** and **hubs** in the residence halls are permitted, but only on a '*use at your own risk*' basis. The Campus Manager network registration system may interfere with the proper functioning of devices connected to a hub or switch, and network service to those devices may be disrupted. (Students may not extend the network by connecting **routers** or **wireless access points** in their residence hall rooms.)

Center for Research and Innovation

Only network extension devices (including devices such as hubs, switches, and Cable/DSL routers) approved by Taylor University Information Technology will be allowed for use within University buildings utilized by CR&I. CR&I staff and related entities may not extend the network by connecting wireless access points. Such devices would interfere with the University wireless network.

Summary

Taylor University reserves the right to request the removal of any unapproved network extension devices at any time.

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