

**Policy Name:** Student Communication - SOMI  
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## I. Policy

St. Mary's Hospital School of Medical Imaging (SOMI) strives to provide clear, accurate, and timely information to its students about all aspects of their educational experiences at SOMI.

## II. Purpose

To provide details as it relates to expectations for student communications at SOMI.

## III. Scope

This policy applies to all SOMI students and associates.

## IV. Definitions

None

## V. Policy Details

SOMI email address assigned to all students is the primary means of communication between SOMI personnel and students. SOMI expects that students will maintain regular and frequent email contact by reading and, if requested, responding to any emails sent by SOMI in a timely manner. Messages sent to the SOMI assigned email address include but are not limited to notification of official School- related actions such as financial aid and fiscal communications and notifications, academic or disciplinary actions, emergency notifications, and correspondence from School departments.

Faculty may determine how email is used in their courses, and they will make appropriate notations regarding email requirements in the course syllabi. Faculty may not transmit grades or any other information that may violate FERPA through email. Additionally, due to email account size limits, email

correspondence between faculty and students should be limited to text only, and students and faculty should exchange files only through the Learning Management System.

Personnel and students are expected to take into consideration the sensitive and/or confidential nature of any information they want to transmit, as email may not be an appropriate means of communication in some circumstances. SOMI does not allow students to transmit any patient information outside the Bon Secours Health system as it would result in a HIPAA violation. Any communication should comply with all Bon Secours Health System, local, state, and federal regulations, including the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA).

SOMI uses its Student Information System (Anthology Student) and Learning Management System (Blackboard) for both individual and group communication. Neither personnel nor student may use these systems to transmit unsolicited email that violates the general principles of conduct outlined in the SOMI Catalog and/or other policies.

**VI. Attachments**

None

**VII. Related Policies**

ADM 3.04 Media Policy News Outlets and Social Media Platforms

**VIII. Disclaimers**

Nothing in this policy creates a contractual relationship between St. Mary's Hospital School of Medical Imaging(SOMI) and any party. SOMI, in its sole discretions, reserves the right to amend, terminate or discontinue this policy at any time, with or without advance notice.

**IX. Version Control**

| Version | Date      | Description  | Prepared by |
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