

Gadsden State Community College

HEOA Compliance

The Higher Education Opportunity Act

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) requires institutions offering distance education courses or programs to have processes in place to ensure that the student registering for a course is the same student who participates in the course or receives course credit. The HEOA requires institutions to verify the identity of a student who participates in class or coursework by using methods such as:

- A secure login and pass code;
- Proctored examinations; and
- New or other technologies and practices effective in verifying student identity.

Additionally, the HEOA requires Gadsden State Community College to use processes that protect student privacy and notify students of any projected additional student charges associated with the verification of student identity at the time of registration or enrollment.

Secure Login and Pass Code

Gadsden State meets these requirements by assigning each student a secure login and password to access the college learning management system and the college network. All students registering for a course through the administrative system are assigned unique identification numbers, which correspond with a specific username for each student. These usernames or accounts use Active Directory (AD) and the Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) to authenticate the user.

More information about the Higher Education Opportunity Act can be found at The U.S. Department of Education site: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/highered/leg/hea08/index.html>.

Privacy Policy and Fee Notification

Gadsden State maintains and publishes a [Privacy Policy](#) to meet the requirements of the HEOA. Using Gadsden State's registration portal, students are notified of any associated course fees at the time of registration. However, there are no additional costs associated with authentication of student identity at Gadsden State.