

# NFHS SUCCESS STORY: BUILDING A NATIONAL STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIP

National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) is the national leadership organization for high school athletics and performing arts programs, based in Indianapolis, Indiana, and connecting 51 member state associations, more than 19,000 high schools, and over 12 million students, coaches, and officials nationwide.

Leadership transitions and evolving technology needs left NFHS at a turning point, and it needed an independent partner to evaluate its technology environment and build a long-term strategy. That's where SecureWon came in.

-  **Cybersecurity governance and risk management needed a clear framework.**
-  **Strategic technology planning and a long-term roadmap weren't yet in place.**
-  **Documentation covering key systems, processes, and standards was incomplete.**
-  **NFHS didn't yet have a policy for AI readiness or a formal staff security awareness training program.**

## THE SECUREWON APPROACH

SecureWon began with a comprehensive technology, cybersecurity, and operational assessment, then worked with NFHS leadership and its internal IT team to build a prioritized, multi-year roadmap that balanced immediate cybersecurity improvements with longer-term modernization. Over the following three years, SecureWon and NFHS worked through that roadmap together.



**Cybersecurity:** Security assessments, remediation, Microsoft 365 hardening, and staff training strengthened NFHS's defenses.



**Executive guidance:** SecureWon provided strategic planning and technology leadership for major initiatives.



**Infrastructure:** Core systems became more reliable and scalable.



**Managed IT:** Proactive support freed the internal team for higher-value work.



**Documentation and governance:** New standards and processes reduced dependence on individual staff knowledge.



**Emerging technology:** SecureWon helped NFHS prepare for AI, automation, and data-driven decisions.



# WHAT SETS **SECUREWON** APART

SecureWon addressed NFHS's entire technology environment in one coordinated partnership, combining cybersecurity, infrastructure, strategy, documentation, and emerging technology guidance rather than treating each as a separate project.

The multi-year roadmap tied directly to NFHS's mission. SecureWon added capacity and specialized expertise to the existing IT team rather than replacing it, backed by executive-level guidance on budgeting, planning, and technology decisions.

## THE RESULTS

Over the past three years, SecureWon has helped NFHS grow into a mature, strategically managed technology organization built on stronger security and operational resilience.



Assessments, Microsoft 365 hardening, and training reduced organizational risk and strengthened NFHS's cybersecurity posture.



Leadership can show, in plain language, how technology is managed, building executive and board confidence.



Core systems are more reliable and built to scale, giving NFHS a modernized infrastructure.



NFHS now has a clear roadmap for emerging technology, putting it ahead on AI and automation readiness.



Documented processes reduced reliance on individual knowledge and increased organizational maturity.



Reduced day-to-day pressure freed the internal team for strategic work, giving them more capacity overall.



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