

# SCHOOL SECURITY SYSTEMS CHECKLIST

USE THIS CHECKLIST TO HELP BUILD AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL SECURITY SYSTEM

## ALARM SYSTEM

- Ensure your school alarm system adheres to building codes with reliable smoke and fire alarm systems for schools as well as a school alarm system for natural disasters.
- Adopt an integrated alarm system as part of your security system - one that works seamlessly with door security alarms, access control and video security systems.
- Take into account the size of your elementary school or high school - is it a single-building or multi-building site, how many floors are there, what indoor and outdoor areas need to be secured, and where is the security office located in proximity to the high-traffic areas?



## ACCESS CONTROL AND DOOR LOCK SYSTEM

- Research the different types of access control solutions. Does an on-premise system suit your school best or a cloud-based mobile solution? Does it integrate with other elements that fall within your school security systems?
- Identify school security checkpoints that require access control and door locks. This goes beyond just installing such solutions at entrances and exits. Consider adding interior doors to offices, labs, and restricted areas to your school security system.
- When an intrusion is attempted and the security alarm for the door or the sensor alarm for the door is triggered, does the solution you're looking for include an automatic school lockdown procedure option?
- Ensure your school security solutions, door locks in particular, adhere to fire and safety regulations.
- Confirm your campus security system is capable of granting access to authorized personnel 24/7. This may include students visiting the campus library, or staff accessing the parking lot late at night.
- How will you grant access to authorized visitors and vendors? Does your access control system allow you to easily provide access credentials both on-site and remotely? If so, is this in the form of a badge or mobile-based access?



## VIDEO SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM

- Identify the areas of your school that require a video security solution.
- Select the best camera type for each site in your school that requires a security camera.
  - The ideal cameras for school perimeter, parking lots, and sports fields include; PTZ Cameras, Bullet Camera's, and License Plate Recognition(LPR) Cameras.
  - Suggested entry and exit space camera types include; Video Intercom, Dome and Bullet Cameras.
  - Recommended cameras for hallways, classrooms, cafeterias and other interior spaces include; Fisheye Cameras, Multi-Directional Cameras, and Corner Cameras.
- Confirm your video security cameras and VMS integrate with your access control and alarm systems.



### **RADIO & BROADBAND PUSH-TO-TALK**

Does your two-way radio system offer district-wide communications? Have you recently tested radio coverage throughout the school district bus routes?

Two-way radios are ideal for school resource officers, office, administration, transportation, maintenance, custodial, athletics, and teachers. Two-way radios offer 1-to-1 and 1-to-Many communications, whereas other voice communication tools do not.

Broadband Push-to-Talk allows your school to extend two-way radio coverage. This is convenient when transporting students out of your normal district area for extra-curricular activities.

Broadband Push-to-talk is an excellent option for administrators that prefer carrying a smartphone over a radio, enabling instant push-to-talk with radio and smartphone users everywhere. If your school has an integrated safety and security system, designated broadband push-to-talk users can also access real-time video security and access control footage from virtually anywhere.

### **CONCEALED WEAPONS DETECTION**

Technology such as concealed weapons detection screening offers a layer of security and peace-of-mind to staff, students, and visitors, especially at large sporting and school events. Many schools have secured grants to help fund this type of technology. Has your school evaluated weapons detection screening and funding options that may be available to you?

### **INCIDENT MANAGEMENT**

Choosing the right Incident Management systems, (also called Mass Notification) for your school can be challenging due to the variety of options available. The ideal system should allow you to send emails, text messages, voice calls, mobile app notifications, and website alerts from both your office and remotely. It should also support Multilingual translation to ensure clear communications with everyone.

Selecting safety and security technologies that integrate and work together can streamline processes for your security and administration teams, at significant cost savings.

### **CENTRALIZED COMMUNICATIONS DISPATCH**

Communication Dispatch Consoles allow you to enhance student safety with the ability to share real-time information with staff members and local police, fire, and EMS.

Did you know your access control and video security system can send alerts directly to your communications system? Depending on the type of radio you have, you can view live video footage- making is easy to respond to situations quickly. This type of integrated technology is making schools safer by allowing SRO's and Administrators to be proactive to situations.

### **FUNDING OPTIONS**

Many schools have a "wish list" of the safety and security technologies that they would like to implement at their school, but it's simply not in the budget. There are State and Federal grants that may be available for safety technology. In addition, ERS Wireless offers a Managed Service option for schools which includes all equipment, maintenance, software updates, and technical support for a predetermined payment. This option has helped many schools get the equipment they need, without the upfront investment or concern of maintenance costs.

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