School Safety Technology

This list represents a partial offering of the different technologies available to schools to help safeguard students. They vary from software to hardware to simple procedures. While no solution will fit every district, it is a good idea to revisit this list from time to time to see what’s available and how it may benefit your students.

1. Security Cameras
2. Door Locks
3. Card Readers/Pin Pads
4. Visitor Management
5. Acceptable Use Policy
6. Search and Seizure of Mobile Devices
7. Records Requests/Discovery Issues
8. CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design)
9. Two-Way Radios/Repeaters
10. Internet Content Filtering
11. Policies and Procedures: lockdown, communication, etc.
12. Dashboard/Integration Software (Single Pane of Glass)
13. RFID Tracking Tags
14. Alerting/Panic Button Devices

General Considerations

When evaluating new technology solutions, the following are excellent points to consider:

- Beware proprietary systems
- Make sure software solutions function on hardware of your choice
- Consider both staff and students for all solutions
- Scalability: look at solutions for the entire district, not just a single building
- Interoperability with other security technologies (SDK support?)
- Test all solutions before relying on them, especially for emergency systems
- Be aware of possible legal limitations
- Network infrastructure is of critical importance in all technologies