

School System Chooses a Hosted, Cloud-Based Access Control System to Fit Its Security, Regulatory and Budgetary Requirements

Situation — Summit Academy Schools operates 26 schools in 14 Ohio communities. This nonprofit community school educates about 2,200 students from kindergarten through 12th grade with Asperger's syndrome, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and other learning disabilities.

Summit Academy officials place a high premium on safety and security. As the number of campuses continues to grow, they wanted to implement a program that would enhance their ability to control access to their school facilities.

Solution — Since the opening of its first school, Summit Academy has relied on security integrator, ADT Security Services, to help provide solutions.

ADT and Summit selected a hosted, cloud-based access control system to serve all 26 sites, while freeing school officials from having to store, maintain and update servers.

Implementation — Summit staff members can enter the facilities by swiping an access card through a reader located at the main entry. As each card is swiped, the access system records the name of the cardholder and the time and date of the event.

If a staff member's card is lost or stolen, it can be immediately deactivated and a new card issued. This system eliminates expensive rekeying of locks. During school hours, receptionists also use an ADT-installed video intercom system with two-way audio to greet visitors at the main entrance of a Summit facility.

Results — Summit now has an effective way of controlling and tracking who is in their facilities. "These systems have worked phenomenally, providing us with huge savings over a key-lock system," said Christopher Reeher, Summit Academy Director of Facilities. "Now we don't worry when an access card is lost or stolen or a vendor or employee is terminated. We can replace it in minutes at little cost.



Reeher said he appreciates being able to check activities on the Web-based access system anytime he wants, virtually anywhere in the world. "I am very impressed with the amount of training ADT provides its staff in the education field," he said. "That allows us to talk to our ADT Representative intelligently about the specific issues that apply to our schools."

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