



5 Gaps Hiding in Your Campus Security Stack

A practical guide for Mountain West preschool, K-12, and higher education campuses navigating rising safety expectations, compliance mandates, and tighter budgets.

You've Made the Investments. Why Does Something Still Feel Missing?

Most campuses have security and safety solutions already in place. And while most were purchased with the right intentions, the benefits aren't fully realized because the technology doesn't talk to each other. Siloed solutions even introduce gaps and vulnerabilities, instead of working with you to support student, teacher, and staff wellbeing.

98%

of K-12 schools and colleges
have at least one video surveillance system.¹

Most are still managing them separately across different platforms and with different providers.

The connections between your systems are where real value lives. Integration turns separate tools into a single, defensible posture—the kind that holds up during safety needs assessments, vulnerability audits, and new compliance mandates.

When technology isn't connected, your staff—and even your teachers—are left filling in the gaps. That's not a risk worth taking.

Assess If Your Technology Solutions Are Siloed

From cameras to intercoms to access control, it's likely your campus has some (if not all) of these solutions in place. But having the right solutions and building the right system are two very different things. The 5 signs below help you assess the difference, and why it matters.

- 1 Cameras record incidents but don't help prevent them.** 
Passive recording offers evidence after an incident, and lacks the analytics to put you in a proactive stance for future prevention.
- 2 Access controls are disconnected from visual proof.** 
Without cameras at entry points, spotting unauthorized visitors falls to staff—who are stretched thin and can't watch everything at once.
- 3 Panic buttons aren't mapped to physical locations.** 
If an alert is triggered and there's no location mapping linked to the button, response time suffers when your security staff can't see where they're needed.
- 4 Intercoms unlock doors without visitor screening.** 
When cameras and intercoms aren't working together, controlled access becomes an illusion—anyone with a plausible reason gets buzzed through.
- 5 Security systems live on different platforms and are managed independently.** 
There's no single source of truth for incident response, recovery, or proactive planning.

It's not about whether your campus has the technology—it's about whether that technology is working together to make a difference.

A Complete Picture for More Certainty

Security and safety technology that works together is a picture of certainty for everyone on campus. What does that look like? Explore the integrated campus below.

Access Control

Know who enters credentialed areas, where they went, and when.

EXAMPLE

Cameras, access control sensors, and network door stations work in tandem to monitor badge in, buzz in, and even doors that are propped open, alerting staff

Cameras and Analytics

Detect anomalies, flag weapons, alert staff.

EXAMPLE

Beyond direct surveillance, vape and smoke detectors integrate with camera networks to offer real-time alerts that help you address persistent behavioral issues.

All Systems in a Single Dashboard

Staff members see the same scene from any device.

EXAMPLE

Monitoring across three campuses is consolidated into a single view—one login provides oversight of camera feeds, access events, and active alerts. This also supports a single audit trail for incident documentation.

Panic Alerts and Mass Notification

Trigger lockdowns, notify law enforcement, map incident locations.

EXAMPLE

A panic alert system, network speakers, and mass notifications are all in sync—a single trigger initiates lockdown, notification, and law enforcement contact, removing human delay during emergencies.

Integrated safety and security directly addresses the growing compliance requirements in Mountain West states.

Alyssa's Law	Utah	Panic alert devices that connect to emergency services are required in every classroom.
Vulnerability Assessments	Idaho	Documented security and safety gaps require a formal upgrade roadmap.
H.B. 84	Utah	Annual Safety Needs Assessments require reporting and documentation of gaps.
H.B. 224	Idaho	Emergency Operations Plans required for every public school district.

True Safety and Security for Your Campus

Speed and Proactivity

When all of your solutions talk to each other, not only does the time between an incident and response shrink, you gain a complete picture to better plan for the future.

Documented Compliance

Integrated systems create auditable trails, making it that much easier to conduct ongoing assessments, and meet compliance and regulatory standards.

Your Force Multiplier

With every solution working in concert with your staff's presence, integrated security solutions close gaps and harden your entire campus—or campuses—against incidents.



Ready to See What This Could Look Like at Your Campus?

We are here to add safety, security, and operational intelligence to your campus. By tapping into Axis Communications' breadth and depth of video surveillance, access control, intercoms, and audio systems, we deploy and scale end-to-end network solutions built to scale with your district and outlast the next compliance cycle.

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Sources

¹Campus Safety, 2025 Predictions for Video Surveillance in Education and Healthcare