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K-12 Security Considerations

Bullying & Harassment • Cyber • Gang Activity

Workplace Violence • Homicide • Suicide • Alcohol & Drugs

Trespassing • Parental Custodial Concerns • Unsupervised Visitors

Assault • Sexual Assault • Sexual Predators • Vaping/Smoking

Theft • Burglary • Vandalism & Property Crimes

Active Shooter/Mass Casualty • Swatting

Federal Grants



DOJ Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP):

- Competitive award program
- Grants are up to \$500k - schools must provide a 25% match



Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) is a competitive grant provides funding support:

- Target hardening and other physical security enhancements and activities to nonprofits
- Organizations at high risk of terrorist attack.
- Grants are up to \$150,000.

State Grants

How to find out if your state has K-12 grants

- Your state's Department of Education website
- Your state's Department of Homeland Security website
- Schoolsafety.gov state search tool
- Make sure to sign up for alerts on your state websites!
- **SIA Grants & Funding Guide**

Legislative: Alyssa's Law

- Passed (not necessarily funded) in: Florida, New Jersey, New York, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Utah
- Pending (or proposed) in: Alabama, Arizona, Illinois, Georgia, Michigan, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia, Washington



K-12 Grants & Funding Programs – State (Examples)

- **Arizona** - School Safety Program
- **Arkansas** – School Safety Grant
- **California** –Comprehensive School Security Program
- **Colorado** –School Security Disbursement Program, School Access for Emergency Response (SAFER), Enhance School Safety Incident Response (ESSIR) Grant Program, Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST)
- **Connecticut** – School Security Grant Program, Multi-Media School Security Grant Program
- **Florida** – School Hardening Grant, Safe Schools Appropriations Allocation, Alyssa’s Alert
- **Georgia** – Safer Georgia Schools Grant
- **Idaho** – Securing Our Future (SOF) Grant Program
- **Indiana** – Secured School Safety Grant
- **Iowa** – Iowa School Safety Grant
- **Kansas** – Kansas Safe and Secure School Grant
- **Louisiana** – Stronger Connections Grant Program
- **Maryland** – Hate Crimes Grant, Safe Schools Fund Grant, School Safety Grant Program, Non-Public School Grant
- **Michigan** – Competitive School Safety Grant Program (CSSGP)
- **Missouri** – School Safety Grant Program
- **Nevada** – Bipartisan Safer Communities Act Competitive Grant
- **New Hampshire** – Security Action for Education (SAFE) Grant
- **New Jersey** – Safety Grant Program
- **New York** – Nonpublic School Safety Equipment (NPSE)
- **North Carolina** – NC School Safety Grant Program
- **Ohio** – Ohio K-12 School Safety Grant Program, Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation (BWC) – School Safety and Security Grant
- **Oklahoma** – Oklahoma School Security Grant Program
- **Pennsylvania** – School Safety and Security Grant, Safe Schools Targeted Grant – Program and Equipment, PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency Grants
- **Rhode Island** – School Safety Grants
- **South Dakota** – Homeland Security Grants for Schools
- **Tennessee** – Public School Security Grant, Non-Public School Security
- **Texas** – School Safety Standards Formula Grant, Silent Panic Alert Technology
- **Utah** – School Safety Pilot Program Grant (SSPPG)
- **Virginia** – School Security Equipment Grant Program

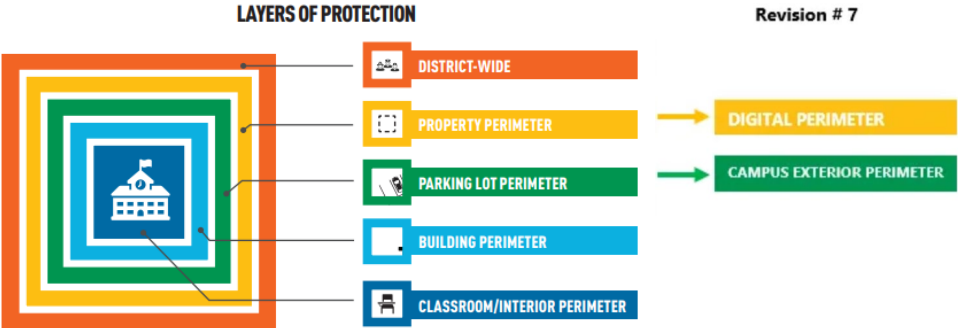
K-12 Security Technology Planning

- Schools prioritize active shooter mitigation, often through AI-driven weapons detection, though the event itself is statistically the least likely to occur.
- Integrators need to guide schools through hype and vendor influence to ensure smart investments (e.g., upgrading outdated systems before adding new tech).
- Strategic Master Planning involves all school stakeholders to create a cohesive, long-term security plan. Think quarterly or semi-annual business reviews.

SIA PASS – Partner Alliance for Safer Schools

Layered Approach to School Safety and Security

Best approach: Layered. Within five physical layers, a layered approach is essential to addressing a broad range of threats, as each successive layer provides specific components to deter, detect or delay and respond to adversarial behaviors in the event that other layers are bypassed or breached.



Layer	Social Media Monitoring	Local Law Enforcement Comms	Maps: Schools, Bus Routes	Cyber (Security of Security)	Lighting	License Plate (LPR)	Door Numbering	Emergency Call Box	Two-Way Radio Comms	Motion Detection	Weapons/Object Detection	Mobile/Phone Apps	Metal Detectors	Cameras	Video (VMS)	Access Control	Gates/Road Humps	Panic Alarm System	Intercom/Public Address	Door Peepholes	Door Locking Mechanisms	
District-Wide	x	x	x						x													
Property				x	x	x		x		x	x	x		x	x		x		x			
Parking Lots				x	x	x		x		x	x	x		x	x		x		x			
Buildings				x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x		x	
Classrooms				x	x		x	x		x	x	x		x	x	x		x	x	x	x	

		TIER 1	TIER 2	TIER 3	TIER 4	
CLASSROOM/INTERIOR PERIMETER						Tier Continuum
COMMUNICATION						Layers
Best Practices	» Public Address System	✓	✓	✓	✓	Components
	» E-911 Added to Phone System (No Codes)	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	» Two-way Intercom System With Call Buttons		✓	✓	✓	
	» Duress Button System - Office and Classroom		✓	✓	✓	
	» In-Building Emergency Communication System			✓	✓	
	» Distributed Antenna System (DAS)			✓	✓	
	» Mass Notification Tied to District-Wide System			✓	✓	
	» Building-Wide Communication via Outside Calls				✓	
	» Use of Mobile Applications and Social Media				✓	
		INCREASING SECURITY				

Within each layer are TIERS of security. Simply put, the first TIER provides a good baseline level of security, whereas the last TIER includes the most comprehensive approaches to K-12 security. Many schools will not be able to implement measures beyond the first and second TIER, or may not have a need to do so. The general idea is to provide school administrators with tools they can use to gauge their risk levels, identify their security needs and, after factoring in available resources and funding, develop tailored security plans that incorporate best practices and procedures.

Each layer includes basic protective components of security:

- Policies and Procedures
- People (Roles and Training)
- Architectural
- Communication
- Access Control
- Video Surveillance
- Detection & Alarm

A Model for Crime Prevention & Incident Response

Virtual Fencing

License Plate Recognition

Video/Enhanced Analytics

Access Control and Weapons Detection

Implementation of technology & workflow processes for improved monitoring, incident management and ultimately crime prevention. By applying a combination of advanced video analytics, enhanced monitoring processes and workflow automation, YOU can better direct your security personnel and selected leadership team members to situations where they are needed most. This also frees up time for more **engagement, deterrence, and investigations**.

Cybersecurity

Resources

Not everything costs a lot of money



CISA K-12 School Security Guide

School Safety Task Force
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Resources for developing emergency operations plans, improving safety, improving school climate, and more.

Resources for actionable recommendations for safe and supportive schools.

SchoolSafety.gov



Resources supporting an effective use of proven security practices specific to K-12, and informed decisions on security investments.





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