



5 QUESTIONS EVERY SCHOOL SHOULD ASK ABOUT SECURITY

A short, honest checklist for administrators, staff, and school boards.

You don't need a professional assessment to start thinking seriously about security, you just need to ask the right questions. Here are five to start with.

01

DO WE ACTUALLY KNOW WHO'S ON CAMPUS OUTSIDE OF DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP?

Front-office sign-in procedures often work well during predictable hours. The real question is what happens mid-day, during an assembly, a sports practice, or a visiting vendor, when the routine breaks and nobody's specifically watching the door.

02

ARE OUR LOCKDOWN PROCEDURES PRACTICED, OR JUST WRITTEN DOWN?

A binder in the front office isn't the same as staff who've actually run the drill. Ask when your last real lockdown practice happened, and whether it included substitutes and part-time staff, not just full-time teachers.

03

WHAT DOES OUR PERIMETER LOOK LIKE ONCE THE PARKING LOT EMPTIES OUT?

Most security attention goes to the building itself. Fencing, gates, and after-hours access points around the edges of campus get far less scrutiny, and they're often where a gap actually exists.

04

DOES EVERY STAFF MEMBER KNOW THEIR SPECIFIC ROLE IN AN EMERGENCY, NOT JUST THE GENERAL PLAN?

"Follow the emergency plan" isn't a role, it's a document. Ask a random teacher what they'd actually do in the first sixty seconds of a lockdown. If the answer is vague, that's the gap.

05

HAVE WE LOOKED INTO FUNDING BEFORE ASSUMING WE CAN'T AFFORD THIS?

Many schools rule out a security review because they assume it's expensive, without ever checking whether federal or state funding exists to help offset the cost. That's often the wrong assumption to make first.

This checklist won't catch everything a trained eye would, and it's not meant to. It's a starting point for your own conversation, not a substitute for a real walk-through.

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