

Enhancing Safety & Security at an Urban High School

Background and Challenges

Ruskin High School, part of the Hickman Mills School District in Kansas City, MO, recognized the need for upgraded security measures, to continue keeping staff and students safe.

The school relied on outdated metal detectors and camera systems, which created operational inefficiencies and limited visibility into potential security threats. The traditional metal detectors required significant time for student screenings, often leading to delays at the start of the school day.



Ruskin High School, Kansas City, Missouri

Solutions Implemented

To address these challenges, Ruskin High School partnered with SWC to implement a comprehensive plan, including:

- Modernized weapons detection system
- Advanced access control
- Upgraded high-definition camera system
- and SWC's neXus platform



neXus integrates all existing communication and security systems into a single, user-friendly 3-D facility map, enabling quick decision-making and response to any potential threats. It allows administrators to take a more proactive approach to security.



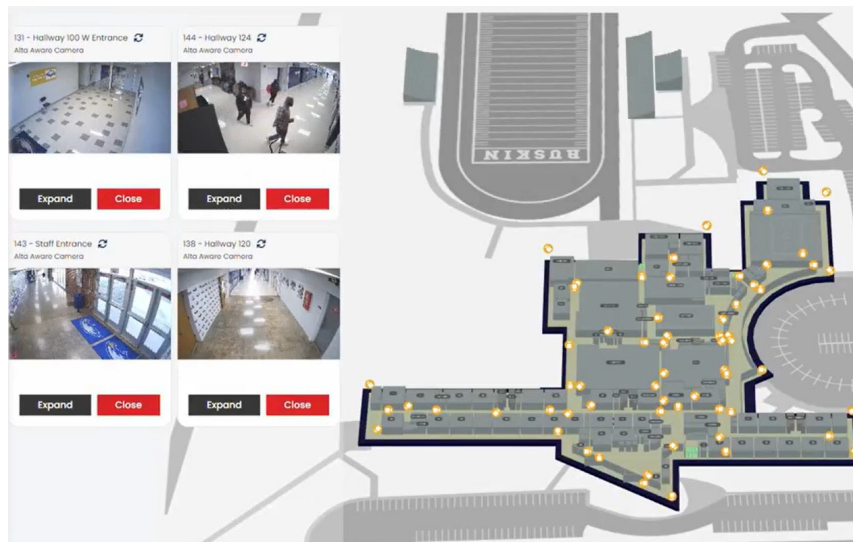
"neXus provides our leadership with a single pane of glass to monitor campus security in real time. Whether it's a propped door, an incident in a hallway, or activity in a restroom, our staff can respond immediately."

Kevin Robinson, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Hickman Mills School District

Results and Impact

The impact of these security enhancements was immediate and significant. The new weapons detection system streamlined the entry process, reducing student screening time from over an hour to just 15-20 minutes. The upgraded camera system improved visibility, allowing administrators to zoom in on critical areas, track incidents in real time, and review footage with enhanced clarity. The addition of neXus makes the school community feel reassured that their safety is a top priority.

Through a strategic partnership with SWC, Ruskin High School has successfully enhanced campus security, improving safety measures while minimizing disruptions to student learning. The integration of advanced security technology and the neXus platform has transformed the way the school monitors and responds to potential threats, creating a safer and more efficient environment for students and staff.



"Having an inclusive approach with neXus and the various security technologies in place has helped build confidence among students, parents, and staff."

Yaw Obeng, Superintendent, Hickman Mills School District

