

# Wren Access Control Survey for Schools - Results



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*The following are the results of the Wren Access Control Survey for Schools, conducted in August 2008.*

## Does your school currently have an electronic access control system?

- 64% No
- 36% Yes

### *For schools that do NOT have access control...*

## What is the primary reason that you do not have an electronic access control system?

- 4% We don't need access control at our school
- 72% We don't have the budget dollars available
- 10% Other security equipment is more of a priority for us
- 12% We are currently in the process of investigating/installing a system

## Which of the following tools do you use to control access to people, property and information? (Please mark all that apply.)

- 90% Traditional door locks
- 75% Policies and procedures
- 77% School resource officers
- 18% Intrusion alarms
- 30% Hallway monitors

### *For schools that DO have access control...*

## Approximately how many doors does your school have?

- 12% 1 – 10 doors at their school
- 31% 11 – 25 doors
- 38% 26 – 75 doors
- 19% more than 75 doors

## Approximately how many of those doors are secured with electronic access control? (Open-ended.)

- 50% Between 0 and 10 doors are secured with access control
- 11% All doors are secured with access control
- 39% Other responses

## Approximately how much, per door, did your electronic access control system cost?

Total of 87 responded: (Many skipped this question)

- 17% Less than \$999 per door
- 8% Between \$1,000 - \$2,999 per door
- 5% Between 3,000 and \$4,999 per door

- 2% \$5,000 or more
- 68% Do not know

**In which areas do you use access control equipment? (Please mark all that apply.)**

- 28% Administrative offices
- 8% Student/personnel files
- 13% Server Rooms
- 93% Main entrances to the school
- 8% Equipment storage areas
- 3% Classrooms
- 13% Gymnasiums/libraries
- 13% Computer labs
- 8% Science labs (where chemicals are stored)

Other, please specify: Answers given include: Auditorium, bathrooms, lockers, kitchen storage and cooler areas, cafeteria.

**For all respondents...**

**How important are the following security concerns to you?  
(Percentages represent percent of respondents who found it "CRITICAL.")**

- 91% Ability to "lock down" the school in case of an emergency (average: 3.864)
- 74% Ability to monitor and control visitors (average: 3.686)
- 52% Ability to secure classrooms (average: 3.399)
- 43% Ability to secure administrative offices (average: 3.285)
- 45% Having an audit trail of people who gain access to personal student and staff records/files (average: 3.259)
- 36% Ability to secure cafeterias, gymnasiums, and/or pool areas (average: 3.158)
- 31% Ability to secure server, copy and storage rooms (average: 2.997)

**Additional analysis displaying percent of respondents who indicated "critical" by title.**

<b>Percent indicating it was "critical"</b>	<b>Administrators</b>	<b>SROs</b>	<b>Other</b>
Ability to "lock down" school in case of an emergency	78%	91%	100%
Ability to monitor and control visitors	67%	73%	80%
Ability to secure classrooms	52%	52%	20%
Ability to secure administrative offices	30%	44%	60%
Having an audit trail of people who gain access to personal student and staff records/files	26%	46%	40%
Ability to secure cafeterias, gymnasiums, and/or pool areas	26%	37%	20%
Ability to secure server, copy and storage rooms	26%	32%	25%

**How confident are you that your security systems could handle the following scenarios?**

	<b>Extremely confident</b>	<b>Not confident</b>	<b>We don't have those capabilities</b>
If we conducted a lockdown at our school, our perimeter doors would securely lock.	28%	22%	9%
Personnel and student files are adequately protected against theft.	18%	22%	9%
Our school's emergency plan would be effectively carried out in an emergency.	28%	16%	0.6%
We have adequately identified and monitor the most common security problems at our school.	22%	23%	2%

**Additional analysis broken down by size of school...**

	<b>1 - 250</b>	<b>251 - 500</b>	<b>501 - 2,000</b>	<b>&gt; 2,000</b>
If we conducted a lockdown at our school, our perimeter doors would securely lock.				
Extremely confident	25%	39%	28%	17%
Not confident	15%	5%	23%	28%
We don't have those capabilities	35%	10%	9%	4%
Personnel and student files are adequately protected against theft.				
Extremely confident	30%	20%	18%	9%
Not confident	30%	12%	21%	30%
We don't have those capabilities	10%	0%	2%	4%
Our school's emergency plan would be effectively carried out in an emergency.				
Extremely confident	30%	37%	27%	24%
Not confident	25%	10%	15%	26%
We don't have those capabilities	1%	0%	1%	0%
We have adequately identified and monitor the most common security problems at our school.				
Extremely confident	25%	28%	22%	17%
Not confident	30%	13%	24%	26%
We don't have those capabilities	10%	0.5%	0%	4%

**In the last five years, how many times has a key to your school been lost and, as a result, you had to rekey doors?**

- 43% 0
- 19% 1
- 22% 2 – 5
- 16% More than 5 times

**If you were evaluating an access control solution for purchase, how important would the following features be to you?**

<b>Feature</b>	<b>% indicating "critical"</b>	<b>% indicating "now a consideration"</b>	<b>Average</b>
Ability to manage and maintain an access control system using internal staff	40%	1%	3.177
Ability to add access control by-the-door, as funding becomes available	35%	1%	3.098
Software that enables remote control of access control by authorized individuals	36%	2%	3.025
Ability to integrate access control with your existing IT infrastructure	34%	2%	3.022

**Given a limited budget for security, please rank the order of importance, (1 being the most important and 5 being the least important) in which you would invest in the following tools.**

	<b>% indicating "most important"</b>	<b>% indicating "least important"</b>
Video surveillance	15%	6%
Access control	10%	12%
Emergency management plans	6%	24%
Intrusion alarms	2%	49%
SROs	70%	3%

\*\*Total does not equal 100% because some respondents only indicated their "most important" choice.

**If you were to purchase or upgrade an access control system, which of the following would be source(s) of funding? (Please mark all that apply.)**

- 69% Federal or state grant
- 53% Existing school budget
- 16% Money raised from an additional school fundraiser
- 10% PTA
- 15% Bond issue

States that mentioned bond issue:

Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Texas, Washington

### **Demographic Information**

**What is your title?**

- 1% Superintendent
- 84% School Resource Officer
- 6% Principal/Dean/Assistant Principal
- 1% Chief of Police
- 8% Other title

**In which state is your school located?**

<b>State</b>	<b>Respondents</b>
Alabama	7
Arkansas	2
Arizona	17
California	12
Colorado	7
Connecticut	2
Delaware	1
Florida	3
Georgia	10
Hawaii	4
Iowa	3
Idaho	1
Illinois	12
Indiana	9
Kansas	17
Kentucky	9
Louisiana	6
Massachusetts	10
Maryland	7
Maine	1
Michigan	8
Minnesota	16
Missouri	15
Mississippi	3
Montana	4
North Carolina	7
North Dakota	3
Nebraska	6
New Hampshire	5
New Jersey	3
New Mexico	3
New York	3
Ohio	7
Oklahoma	7
Oregon	4
Pennsylvania	13
South Carolina	6
South Dakota	4
Tennessee	17
Texas	20
Virginia	4
Washington	9
Wisconsin	4
West Virginia	2
Wyoming	3

**How many students attend your school?**

6% 1 – 250 students  
13% 251 - 500 students  
66% 501 - 2,000 students  
15% had more than 2,000 students

**Which of the following classifies your school? (Please mark all that apply.)**

20%	Elementary school
34%	Middle
16%	Junior High
64%	High School

**Does your school have a School Resource Officer?**

5% No  
95% Yes

***End of Survey***