

Wesleyan School - Paxton's Net2 Access Control Provides a Secure Education for Students

Type of site:

Education/School

Location:

Georgia, USA

Number of users/doors:

- 1,329 users
- 10 doors
- 2 gates

Solution required:

- Keyless system
- Secure the perimeter and school buildings

Result:

- Instant lockdown
- Timezones feature to plan access for after school clubs and sports
- Complete customer satisfaction

Paxton products used:

- Net2 Entry VR panel
- Net2 Pro software
- Net2 Entry monitor

Integration:

- Avigilon CCTV



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Founded in 1963, Wesleyan School is located on 85 acres of land in Peachtree Corners, Georgia. The school comprises of six main buildings including a chapel, two libraries and a dining hall. There are 1,129 children and 200 faculty staff on site. After the Sandy Hooks Elementary shootings in 2012 many schools across the USA assessed and re-evaluated their security and lockdown procedures.

Requirements

Wesleyan School recruited SSP, a security solutions provider based in Atlanta, Georgia, to advise on a complete solution that could be implemented to secure the schools buildings and access via the main gates. Brian Morgan, Operations Manager at Wesleyan says: "Our school is set across 85 acres so it is a big job ensuring all of the buildings are secure. Previously someone had to drive around to lock and unlock all of the buildings every day. After Sandy Hooks, we decided improvements should be made to increase pupil and staff safety, and protect school property."

The school was looking for a system that could be instantly switched into lockdown and flexible enough to manage the movement of pupils and changing schedules of a busy school.

Solution

Corey Fenn, Commercial Account Manager from SSP, met with Brian to discuss the school's requirements. Corey says: "The increased number of school shootings across the country was at the forefront of their minds. We spent considerable time listening to their needs and Paxton rose above other manufacturers as a solution that would best meet these requirements."

SSP installed Net2, Paxton's leading networked access control



system. Net2 electronically controls the main gate and the six buildings on one network, meaning that the system is administered from one central PC. Wesleyan opted to use the Net2 Caller ID/GSM reader, allowing them to instantly lockdown the school in an emergency using any phone as a key by communicating to the network with a call.

SSP also installed Paxton's Net2 Entry, a video/audio door entry system, on to the school gates and at the entrance of each of the six buildings. This enables the school office to see pupils and visitors before they access the site, if they do not have a valid token/PIN. Children and parents press the bell button on the robust panel, staff can then grant or deny them access, giving them complete control over who is on the site at any time.

Result

Net2 has provided a secure system whilst also being flexible to the school's changing timetables. A team of 12 administer Net2 at the school, meeting once a week to review the timetables and make any necessary changes to the door schedules using the custom days feature.

The school's Avigilon CCTV system is now integrated to work seamlessly with Net2, and an additional 10 doors were added to the network to include faculty rooms, the server and the baseball batting cages. Corey says: "Since we began installing Paxton in 2013 at Wesleyan, it has worked exactly how we wanted it to, which is excellent! It's been incredibly reliable and our customers have been extremely satisfied with the solution provided. Testament to that we have just been awarded a five year service agreement with Wesleyan to continue to develop and maintain the school's system."