

# Case Study: Remote Administration

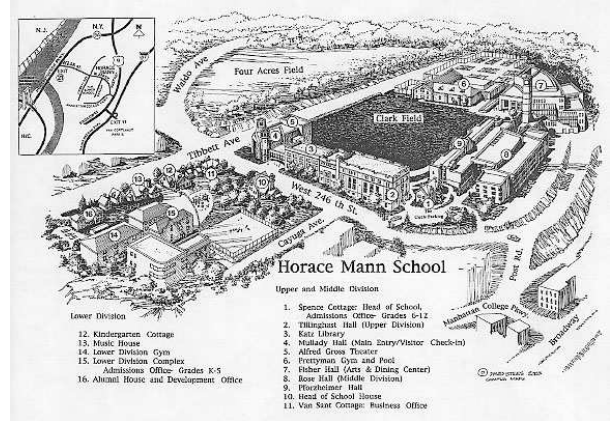
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## ABOUT THE CLIENT

The Horace Mann School was founded in 1887 as a coeducational experimental and developmental unit of Teachers College at Columbia University. The Horace Mann School for Boys moved to Riverdale in 1912, and during the 1940's, severed formal ties with Teachers College and became Horace Mann School. The HM School for Girls remained at Teachers College through the 1940's. Since the 1970's HM has educated boys and girls in nursery through twelfth grade. The main campus, home to the Lower, Middle and Upper Divisions, is located on 18 acres in Riverdale. The Nursery Division is located in Manhattan. The John Dorr Nature Laboratory, the pioneering outdoor education center, is located on 100 acres in Washington, Connecticut. Since its founding, Horace Mann has changed in many ways but remains steadfastly dedicated to five core values: the life of the mind, mature behavior, mutual respect, a secure and healthful environment, and a balance between individual achievement and a caring community.



The Horace Mann Security Department maintains a strong commitment to campus safety and security. Although the personal safety and well-being of the student body as well as that of the individual student will always be our first and foremost responsibility, the HM Security Department recognizes and accepts additional day-to-day responsibilities as well. A 24-hour Security staff on the Riverdale campuses conducts patrols of the buildings and the surrounding grounds.

Horace Mann School's physical plant alone and the security issues and matters that it raises provide a constantly evolving challenge. Upgrades, renovations and additions to an already extensive campus demand a constant examination and re-evaluation of the property and, if deemed necessary, reassignment of assets and restructuring of priorities in this regard. Members of the administration, faculty and staff rely on our Security Officers to foster and maintain a safe, comfortable and nurturing environment for the entire HM community.

## THE REQUIREMENT

It is obvious that Horace Mann takes the safety and security of its students and faculty very seriously. The recent addition and modification to campus security allows security personnel to more easily operate and administer the system from key locations. Because of this ability to remotely monitor and administer the system, the school is now able to run security operations more efficiently.

Prior to this implementation, security personnel would need to make changes to access privileges, for example, from each site. Now any person with the appropriate permissions can make changes to the system from any control location. Security personnel were also responsible for locking and unlocking exterior doors at scheduled times. This became a time consuming and expensive task.



## THE SOLUTION

Access control, video surveillance and intrusion detection systems have now been fully integrated. The school is now even more prepared to respond to a situation that would require a "lock down" and better able to direct emergency services if necessary.

Horace Mann has also been able to save valuable budget dollars by programming the systems to lock and unlock on a schedule rather than having security personnel have to physically visit each door on a specific schedule to secure the facility.

## INDUSTRY FACTS



Proactive school security and emergency preparedness training helps schools with improving school staff emergency management and emergency response capacity, lockdown and evacuation procedures, crisis media and communications issues, best practices in security and school crime prevention, understanding national trends in school deaths and violence, managing and assessing student threats, school safety assessment processes, heightened security during national terror alerts, and related school safety trends and hot topics.

The rate of serious violent crime - rape, sexual assault, robbery and aggravated assault - at the nation's schools fell from six victimizations per 1,000 students in 2003 to four per 1,000 in 2004, according to the Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) and the Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics.

In the 2005–06 school year, an estimated 54.8 million students were enrolled in pre-kindergarten through grade 12 nationwide (U.S. Department of Education 2007). At Horace Mann, 1,755 students were enrolled in nursery through twelfth grade.

# violent deaths from 7/05-7/06 among youth ages 5-18	17 (14 homicides, 3 suicides)
# students ages 12-18 who were victims of nonfatal crimes at school	1.5 Million
Percentage of public schools that reported at least one violent crime, theft, or other crime occurred at their school	86
Percentage of students in grades 9-12 who reported being threatened or injured with a weapon in the previous 12 months	8
Percentage of students who reported that drugs were made available to them on school property	25
Percentage of students who reported having been bullied at school during the previous 6 months	28

Source: *Indicators of Crime*, National Center for Education Statistics, US Department of Education. 2007.