

# TEXAS SCHOOL SYSTEM FOCUSES ON HIGH-TECH VIDEO SECURITY

“The added security that is provided to staff, students and visitors is invaluable. The system is working better than expected and we are very pleased with the results of the capabilities of our system. We have come to rely heavily upon its production.” – Al McElhane, Allen (Texas) High School Security Supervisor

## MISSION

School districts are increasingly aware of the important role that video security equipment can play in protecting school campuses. Ensuring the safety of both people and property, such installations provide peace of mind to those attending school, while deterring vandalism and other crimes that cost these districts hundreds of thousands of dollars per year. An early advocate of this view, the Allen Independent School District decided to implement a state-of-the-art video security system.

## SOLUTION

As part of its mandate to provide an overall positive and safe working environment, the district considers the installation of security equipment as one important facet of reaching these goals. The equipment selected included a combination of Pelco Spectra III Series Positioning Systems and fixed cameras, Pelco digital video recorders, fiber optic transmitters and receivers, high-resolution color monitors and a System 9760 Video Matrix Switch.

The project also upgraded, repaired or replaced previously installed systems with the latest, most-advanced Pelco equipment.

## RESULT

With more than eight outdoor and 56 indoor cameras positioned throughout the high school campus – along with 21 cameras at the elementary school – the security system helps provide a safe environment for students, staff and faculty. Not only has the installation fulfilled expectations, but it has done so with the added benefit of ease of operation. According to the district’s security supervisor, “even though the equipment is powerful in its design, it is very accessible and user friendly...”

