



EDUCATION

DPS ENHANCES SECURITY AND SAFETY BY AUTOMATING KEY MANAGEMENT

Denver Public Schools (DPS) consists of over 200 schools – including traditional, magnet, charter, and pathways schools – with an enrolment of over 90,000 students and 10,000 employees.

Managing keys across these 200+ buildings is a major challenge. It was inefficient, frustrating, and raised security concerns for students, staff, and school assets. The keys were controlled manually which was a waste of time and resources.

Facilities personnel spent many hours trying to manage keys manually, causing great frustration. In many cases, critical keys were not available when staff or contractors needed them, resulting in a cascade of multiple senior personnel being recruited to locate them.

To ensure school-wide safety and security, and to boost operational efficiency, DPS turned to Torus. With Torus cabinets strategically located across campus buildings, keys are now always available when they're needed, and secured when not in use. DPS administrators now have complete control of who can access important keys, and when. If keys are not returned, a series of real-time notifications are sent from the Torus software for accountability and to ensure the keys are returned. Now that their keys are automated, DPS is saving an enormous amount of time every year.

THE CHALLENGE	THE SOLUTION	THE SAVINGS
<p>DOZENS OF KEYS PER SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> × Ineffective key management system across 200 schools × Human error and continual key loss × Unnecessary travel time × Lack of accountability × Significant security risks × Wasted staff time everyday 	<p>1 TORUS CABINET PER SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + A single Torus cabinet for each school, managed centrally + Accountability and transparency for all key usage + Increased security + Enhanced safety for staff and students + Improved personnel management 	<p>135 HOURS SAVED PER SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 27,000 hours of labor saved across 200 schools ✓ Staff hours redeployed to more productive tasks ✓ Eliminated signing keys in and out, searching for lost keys ✓ Increased operational efficiency ✓ Continued savings every year ✓ Reduced loss of keys

By eliminating our manual handling of keys, Torus has greatly improved our security and efficiency. We no longer have the frustration of keys going missing and our administrative time has been significantly reduced. If keys are not returned at the end of each day, my team is notified instantly via SMS and email.

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