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MID-BUCHANAN TRANSFORMS CAMPUS SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY WITH INTEGRATED SOLUTIONS

SITUATION:

The Mid-Buchanan R-V School District (Mid-Buchanan), known for its strong academic foundation and supportive learning environment, has long prioritized student and staff safety while embracing technology that empowers educators to work more efficiently.

Ace Powell, the district's IT Director, had previously worked with Konica Minolta at another school district and was impressed by their dedication to resolving issues and ensuring client satisfaction. The opportunity to streamline the print infrastructure at Mid-Buchanan was clear, and given his positive experience, Powell advocated for Konica Minolta, confident they would deliver dependable solutions that would support both staff and students.

The district recognized the need for greater control over its print environment, including secure printing, usage tracking, digital faxing, and reducing paper waste across all campuses. At the same time, the district faced a growing demand for a comprehensive visitor management system. Large-scale events brought hundreds of guests to campus, raising concerns about student and staff safety and the ability to properly screen visitors.

SOLUTION:

Konica Minolta introduced three key solutions to help Mid-Buchanan streamline operations, strengthen data security and modernize its digital environment.

1. PaperCut MF

PaperCut MF enhanced print security and efficiency across the district, protecting sensitive student information through secure print release and enabling detailed tracking of print usage by user and department. The system allows administrators to set quotas, print limits and customized rules, such as duplex-only or black-and-white printing, to encourage appropriate use.

PaperCut MF features a built-in sustainability dashboard that provides live reporting on savings and waste reduction, helping the district meet its environmental goals while maintaining FERPA compliance and safeguarding confidential data.

2. Upland InterFAX

Konica Minolta also introduced Upland InterFAX, a cloud-based fax solution that meets FERPA compliance standards. The platform enables staff to send and receive faxes securely via email or web portal, eliminating the need for physical fax machines at each location. With cloud faxing, district personnel manage their fax communications from anywhere, improving flexibility and reliability.



WHO

Mid-Buchanan R-V School District

WHAT

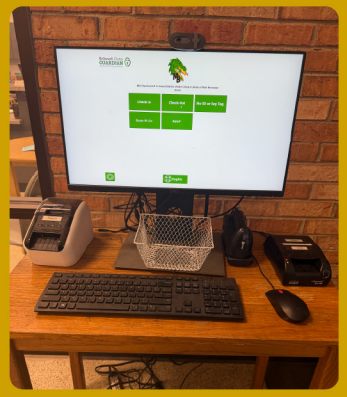
A small, community-focused public school district recognized for its academic excellence and dedication to student success.

WHERE

Faucett, Missouri

SIZE

70 teachers, approximately 865 students





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3. School Gate Guardian

Finally, the district adopted School Gate Guardian, a comprehensive visitor management solution designed to enhance campus safety. After reviewing several options, Mid-Buchanan selected the solution for its robust functionality and ease of use.

The system allows visitors to pre-register online, where their information is securely screened to meet district safety standards before arriving on campus. Upon arrival, guests scan their ID at a self-service station, which prints a photo badge displaying their name and visit purpose.

Mid-Buchanan implemented the cloud-hosted version of School Gate Guardian, which provides real-time updates and supports future integration with Infinite Campus for student check-in/out. The district also plans to deploy the Volunteer Online Management System, enabling automated background checks for school volunteers.

RESULTS:

Since implementing PaperCut MF, InterFAX, and School Gate Guardian, Mid-Buchanan has significantly enhanced both its operational efficiency and overall campus security. Together, Konica Minolta's solutions have created a safer, more streamlined, and sustainable digital ecosystem for students, staff, and visitors.

The district now has greater control over its print environment, reducing paper waste, lowering costs, protecting sensitive student information through secure print release and detailed usage tracking. The system's reporting and sustainability features have also helped promote more responsible printing habits across departments.

By moving to a secure, cloud-based fax platform, staff can now send and receive faxes directly from email or web portals, eliminating the need for physical fax machines, while maintaining FERPA compliance.

The district's visitor management procedures are now safer and more organized, even during high-traffic events, with visitor visibility significantly improved on campus, providing greater peace of mind for staff and families alike.

Konica Minolta provided hands-on support every step of the way, ensuring a smooth implementation and addressing any questions or challenges promptly. Their proactive partnership helped Mid-Buchanan feel confident and well-prepared, setting the stage for continued success in maintaining a secure and efficient learning environment.

"Partnering with Konica Minolta has truly transformed how we manage both our print environment and campus security. Our teachers can now focus on what matters most, our students, while our IT team benefits from greater visibility and control. It gives us peace of mind that we're doing everything possible to provide a secure and efficient learning environment."

— Ace Powell, IT Director, Mid-Buchanan R-V School District



InterFAX PaperCut MF School Gate GUARDIAN Integrated School Security Solutions



RESULTS:

- **Streamlined visitor management and enhanced campus security by 85%.**
  Successfully processed 300+ visitors at high traffic events with minimal wait times. Real-time background checks, photo badges, and pre-registration have enhanced security and efficiency, earning positive feedback from families.

- **25% Reduction in print waste and costs.**
  Enhanced security through user tracking, secure print release, and policy-based controls.

- **Improved flexibility and reliability by 70%.**
  Streamlined communication with secure, cloud-based faxing accessible from any location.

Learn more about Konica Minolta's Solutions **here**.