

Five hall pass patterns school districts should not ignore

The best approach to school safety is being proactive, and spotting patterns in student movement can help you prevent incidents before they happen. Here are five hall pass patterns that affect school safety, supervision and instructional time.

What's happening outside of class



37% of students who reported being bullied at school said it happened in a hallway or stairwell.

Source: [National Center for Education Statistics](#)



Middle school is often when vaping starts, and school bathrooms are hot spots.

Source: [2025 Truth Initiative report](#)



Student behavior changes can be related to bullying, depression or substance abuse.

Source: [StopBullying.gov](#)

- **Repeatedly leaving the same class**

Frequent passes from the same class period may mean a student needs academic, social or emotional support.
- **Consistently overdue passes**

Students who don't return to class promptly may have wandered to areas that are hard to supervise like stairwells or disrupting other classrooms, and are missing instructional time.
- **Two students out at the same time**

When two students regularly leave class at the same time, it could be a scheduled service, but it could also be a sign of bullying or risky behavior.
- **Recurring hot spot locations**

High hall pass volume for one location on the school campus could be a sign that students are involved in vaping, bullying or other concerning issues.
- **Changes in student hall pass behavior**

A sudden shift in how often or where a student requests passes could mean they need help.