

# Empowering Students With Strategic School Entry Process During the COVID-19 Pandemic

## The Challenge

Norridge School District 80 in Illinois wanted to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for students, and staff during the pandemic. Their district specifically needed to address the issue of how to admit students and staff into the building while avoiding excessive lines that could expose others to risks of close contact or inclement weather.

## The Solution

The district decided to utilize Safety iPass to create an efficient and reliable method for safely admitting students and staff into the school building.

With Safety iPass, parents and staff received a self-certification email every morning. Once the student or staff is pre-certified and assigned a colored digital badge QR code, indicating their entry status. District staff members work in teams to manage entry into the building using smartphones to scan the badges of students and staff attempting to enter the building. All of the information collected from scanning the badge is observable by users and safety leaders through an online dashboard, and administrators will receive email updates instantly if/when critical information is reported.

## The Results

Because Norridge School District uses Safety iPass for managing their pre-certification and entry process for coming to school, they are able to scan QR codes quickly and efficiently for students and staff to verify if they should be allowed into school.

"The scanning process is wonderful," says Bob Biedke, Dean of Students for Norridge School District 80. He explained that the process was very efficient. Norridge schools were able to scan and certify entry to all in-person staff and students in their hybrid program (accounting for 40% of the overall student population) in less than 15 minutes.

In Biedke's own words, "That was one of the fears I had. One building has approximately 500 students. We're not at capacity because of doing a hybrid model, but we did bring the students from the very start of the school season in August and I feared how long it was going to take to get students, staff, and visitors into the building."

He explained that the school expanded their homeroom time to take into consideration scanning everyone, certifying, and into the building quickly. Biedke stated, "I was impressed that literally, it takes 10 minutes to get at least 50% of the school into the building, which is great."



### Customer Profile

Norridge School District 80 is located in Norridge, IL, five miles east of O'Hare Airport. Each school currently serves 500+ early childhood through grade eight students. The district's primary goal is to provide accurate, up-to-date information about their schools and ongoing diligent efforts in an effort to inspire all students to achieve excellence.

**Industry:** Education  
**Region:** Norridge, IL  
**Total Buildings:** 2  
**Total Students:** 1,000+  
**Total Parents:** 1,650+  
**SIS (Roster):** PowerSchool  
**Customer Since:** 2020

// I am very pleased with the CrisisGo [Safety iPass] feature as it accomplishes all the tasks that we need to ensure a safe learning environment for all students and staff. //

**Bob Biedke**  
 Dean of Students  
 Norridge School District 80



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