



I visited Hockinson SD to see their system because it is based on the same controller that we'll be getting. Craig Barnhill has had recent and extensive experience with this type of CCTV system and has given me lots of very welcome and useful ideas - where to spend money, where NOT to spend money, things that seem cool but don't realistically work out, etc. On a rather philosophical note, we are taking advantage of the learning done by some of our educational colleagues as to what works and what does not. I find that the older I get, the more I turn to resources like colleagues with direct experience with the product and an understanding of school environments. It helps to talk it out with these types of folks.

I expect the controller we'll be getting to have the features:

- ease of use
- high levels of compatible hardware options
- expandable/scalable
- reasonable cost

I have asked principals to put together their wishes for camera placement within the new security system. Initially, we plan to add cameras a little more slowly than some would like, but it will allow us to more efficiently use the system as well as identify the cameras most appropriate for our situation. As we become more familiar with how the system works and the attributes of the capture devices, we will hone in on the most cost effective yet adequately capable hardware for our needs. The initial planning calls for 60 cameras across K12.

More specific details about this system will become available once the formal bid specifications have been completed.