

Top Cybersecurity Priorities for 2026

What IT leaders are focusing on this year*



Improving Threat Detection & Monitoring

Real-time systems that spot suspicious activity before it becomes a breach



Expanding MFA to More Users

Requiring a second verification step (like a code or app) to log in



Increasing Cybersecurity Training

Teaching staff and students to recognize phishing and other threats



Strengthening Data Governance

Better controls over who can access sensitive student information



Enhancing IT-Finance-Leadership Collaboration

Breaking down silos so security decisions involve the right people



Improving Vendor Risk Management

Vetting third-party tools and their AI features before adoption



Implementing ZeroTrust

Verifying every user and device, every time, regardless of location



Reducing Insurance Costs

Meeting insurer requirements to lower premiums and maintain coverage