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Remote Access

Electronic student identification cards that also serve as room keys have certainly changed the way many campuses approach security. But while they can offer increased safety, these cards also require an additional level of service when cards need to be issued or replaced outside normal operating hours. To that end, Stanley Security Solutions has created a remote card encoding system called the Stanley ID Express Station.

This remote card encoding system enables college and university students to conduct self-managed transactions and update their existing ID cards, as well as obtain temporary cards, through kiosks. Overall efficiency improves as the system alleviates the workload of administrative or security staff members, who usually oversee the distribution and management of ID cards.

"In today's environment, kiosks are a reliable method for conducting business with users looking for new and more reliable ways to self-manage their transactions at any time of day," said Mark Dearing, product manager for Stanley Security Solutions.

The Stanley ID Express Station system is able to provide this service while still maintaining security standards. Whenever a card is updated or a temporary card is encoded, the issue code is incremented for that user, ensuring that only one valid card exists at a time. At the start of each transaction, a photo of the student is captured and placed in the transaction history, not unlike what happens at an ATM bank machine.

The Stanley ID Express Station software package consists of the client software/browser application, which resides on the kiosk station PC, and the back-end application that resides on a server. A configuration utility enables the customer to tailor the behavior and appearance of the application to suit their needs. For example, customers can choose what forms of identification and validation are required of a student, edit which messages and database fields are used, and even insert a university logo on the screen. Also, users can determine temporary card expiration or whether temporary cards can be allowed.

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