

About Minga:

“Minga is a powerful student engagement platform that provides the tools you need to create student engagement and ensure safety outside the classroom.”

Digital ID Cards:

All students will have access to a digital ID card that they may present on their phone. This form of ID will help with the frequency of students who forget their ID cards for lunch, book checkout, etc. In recent years, students have learned to take a picture of their ID card and present it on their phone. The challenge with this is that the ID cards in that format can be altered, affecting security. The ID on the Minga app has a live, scrolling animation that verifies the authenticity of the ID. Additionally, reprinting ID cards takes time for our staff and costs our students \$5 each.

Students without a cell phone can always use their regular ID cards for any event. Students are checked in digitally through Minga.

Student Engagement/PBIS:

All high schools have been using the 5-Star system* to scan student IDs to track engagement at events. This system requires us to purchase and maintain scanners. Minga allows us to use our cellphones to scan the ID of a student and track their attendance at an event such as a dance. The system is much simpler than 5-Star and allows us to access and sort the attendance.

The app also maintains a point system per a designated team or class of students in order to encourage school engagement. This allows us to celebrate or reward classes or groups of students. For example Minga allows us to scan the ID of a student when they help clean campus or assist their peers and then reward those students. We can also have class levels receive spirit points for attending events, encouraging more participation.

Communication:

The app allows school staff to push alerts out to groups of students or the student body as a whole. Students rarely check their school email, so the current method of communication between school and students is not effective. The app can also be used for clubs and athletics for communication between coaches/advisors in a safe space. Currently, coaches and advisors are using at least a dozen different digital platforms for communication that principals do not have access to, such as Remind and direct staff to student SMS texting. Minga would allow principals to push a notification out to specific teams, grade levels, club members, etc. We have been looking for a safe, walled, and managed space to support communication from school to students. Minga fits the bill.

Event/Calendar Management and Communication:

Minga allows us to maintain and post alerts to student events. When a student accesses the app to use the digital ID, they receive updates of school events and critical reminders. There is currently no effective means to communicate these important announcements or reminders other than notifying parents and hoping that the message is communicated to students; OR announcing through a weekly broadcast, which is not very effective as it doesn't reach all students.