

# MINGA

## How Digital IDs and Digital Hall Passes Created a Culture of Safety at Channel Islands High

Discover how swapping old-school paper processes for Minga's digital tools helped Channel Islands overcome the challenges of a complex quarter system, increase campus safety, and enhance student well-being.



**Minga Champion:**  
Wendi Butler, Assistant Principal



Students:  
**2500+**

Grades  
**9-12**



Student ID



Hall Pass



Check in



Behavior



## KEY PROBLEM AREAS

- Lost or forgotten IDs
- Lack of oversight of student movement
- No way to quickly and safely admit 600+ students each morning
- Printed IDs would never arrive on time for the start of the school year
- Physical ID stickers were cumbersome and difficult to keep updated
- Paper-based hall pass procedures were ineffective and inefficient

## THE CHALLENGE

# Effectively Managing Student Arrival and Dismissal in a Complex Quarter System



Channel Islands High operates on a quarter system that splits the school year into four terms. The school offers 12-16 classes each quarter, allowing students to attend up to four periods a day. However, due to staffing constraints, some students might not have a full schedule every day, every quarter — leading to times during the 1st and 4th periods when they may not have a lesson.

This intricate schedule led to students wandering around the campus without direction, while staff struggled to efficiently verify if kids were

supposed to be in class. A lack of clear oversight was affecting campus security and the learning environment.

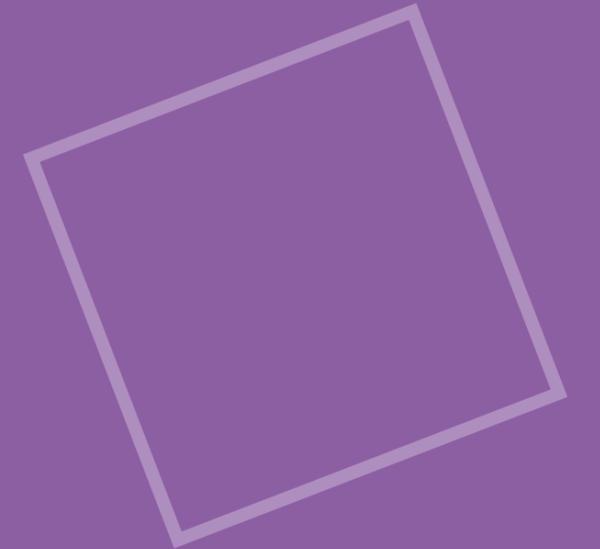
Channel Island's system for 1st period admission — using physical stickers on student IDs — was also inefficient and ineffective because there were so many schedule changes every quarter. It wasn't just the stickers that were problematic; the physical IDs also posed issues, as the cards were never printed in time for the start of the school year, and were often lost or forgotten by students.

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Safely admitting around 600 students in the morning was a challenge. We'd use ID cards, but seeing as schedules change every quarter, we'd have to get all the IDs, remove the previous sticker, and add another sticker on it. And then there might be another schedule change and we'd be like, 'Oh, no! Pull the sticker off, get them all back again!' It wasn't practical.”

—— **Wendi Butler,**  
Assistant Principal

DIGITAL IDS 



## THE SOLUTION

# Digital Tools That Enhance Operations and Promote Fairness in School Procedures

Assistant Principal, Wendi Butler, masterfully orchestrated the adoption of Minga at Channel Islands High. She introduced digital IDs in the school's first year with the software — and now 95% of students use their cell phones to access their ID cards, with the remaining few using their school-issued Chromebooks. In addition, the shift from the old, physical ID stickers has significantly alleviated the admin headaches of managing the arrival and dismissal of over 2,500 students each day.

In their ongoing efforts to improve campus operations, Channel Islands introduced digital hall passes in their second year. The new system empowered the school to quickly and effectively reduce security issues on campus and swiftly phased out antiquated procedures — such as the large pieces of wood that were previously being used as hall passes! Helpful features, such as live countdown timers, and the ability to change hall pass colors and backgrounds, have also made pass management much easier for the admin team.

## WHAT MINGA OFFERED



- Digital IDs with digital stickers that could easily be used for admittance or dismissal
- Live countdown timers that clearly show when a student needs to be back in class
- A digital hall pass system that provided clear visibility of movement — and no more pieces of wood being used as hall passes!
- Student-created and teacher-approved hall passes
- Best practices for hall pass procedures
- The ability to customize hall pass restrictions, based on specific student needs

## COLOR POP!

Embracing the school's playful spirit, the admin team introduced "Color Pop!", a weekly initiative that adds extra security to their hall pass system.

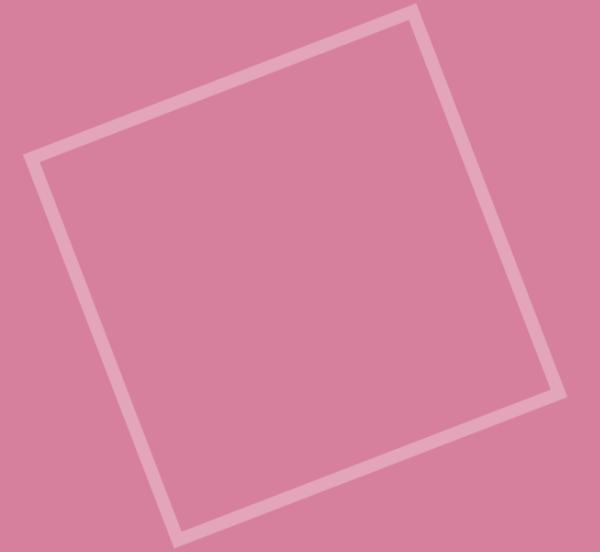
While the live countdown timers on the digital hall passes work well for checking that a pass hasn't been screenshotted or counterfeited, it can be challenging to do when trying to verify large groups of students at a time. To address this, the school changes its hall pass colors every week, and its hall pass backgrounds every quarter.

This fun approach showcases how Channel Islands has skillfully leveraged Minga's features to meet its unique needs.

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Now, I look out at the quad and I don't see anyone just wandering around anymore. I don't have to fill my day with chasing around wandering students — they're now far more aware of time.”

—— **Wendi Butler**  
Assistant Principal



## THE OUTCOMES

# An Environment of Safety, Where Every Child Thrives

### Digital Tools That Create Equality and Equity

Minga has helped Channel Islands create clear and equal procedures for all students, such as having a 10-minute limit on every hall pass. Simultaneously, the software maintains flexibility for students with unique needs, such as those arriving late after dropping their younger siblings off at school. This balance of uniformity and adaptability in Minga's usage has ensured fair treatment and increased equity on campus.

### Digital Tools That Foster a Culture of Safety and Understanding

Digital IDs and hall passes have not only boosted security on campus but also elevated emotional well-being. The hall pass system, particularly Minga's student-created pass feature, has eased the anxiety female students once had when asking male teachers for restroom breaks. This has eliminated awkward interactions and fostered a more empathetic and trusting environment.

### Stronger Student-Teacher Relationships

The digital tools have reduced friction between students and teachers. Previous conversations or arguments about students being able to leave the classroom are just no longer on the table. Kids can create their own pass easily, and the teacher has a clear dashboard that shows when they are expected back in class.

### Increased Student Accountability, Keeping More Kids in Class

Digital hall passes, with live countdown timers, have skyrocketed student accountability and autonomy, leading

to more kids getting back to class promptly and contributing to a less disruptive learning environment.

### Increased Administrative Efficiency

Digital ID cards and hall passes have significantly streamlined administrative processes, saving valuable time and positively impacting school operations.

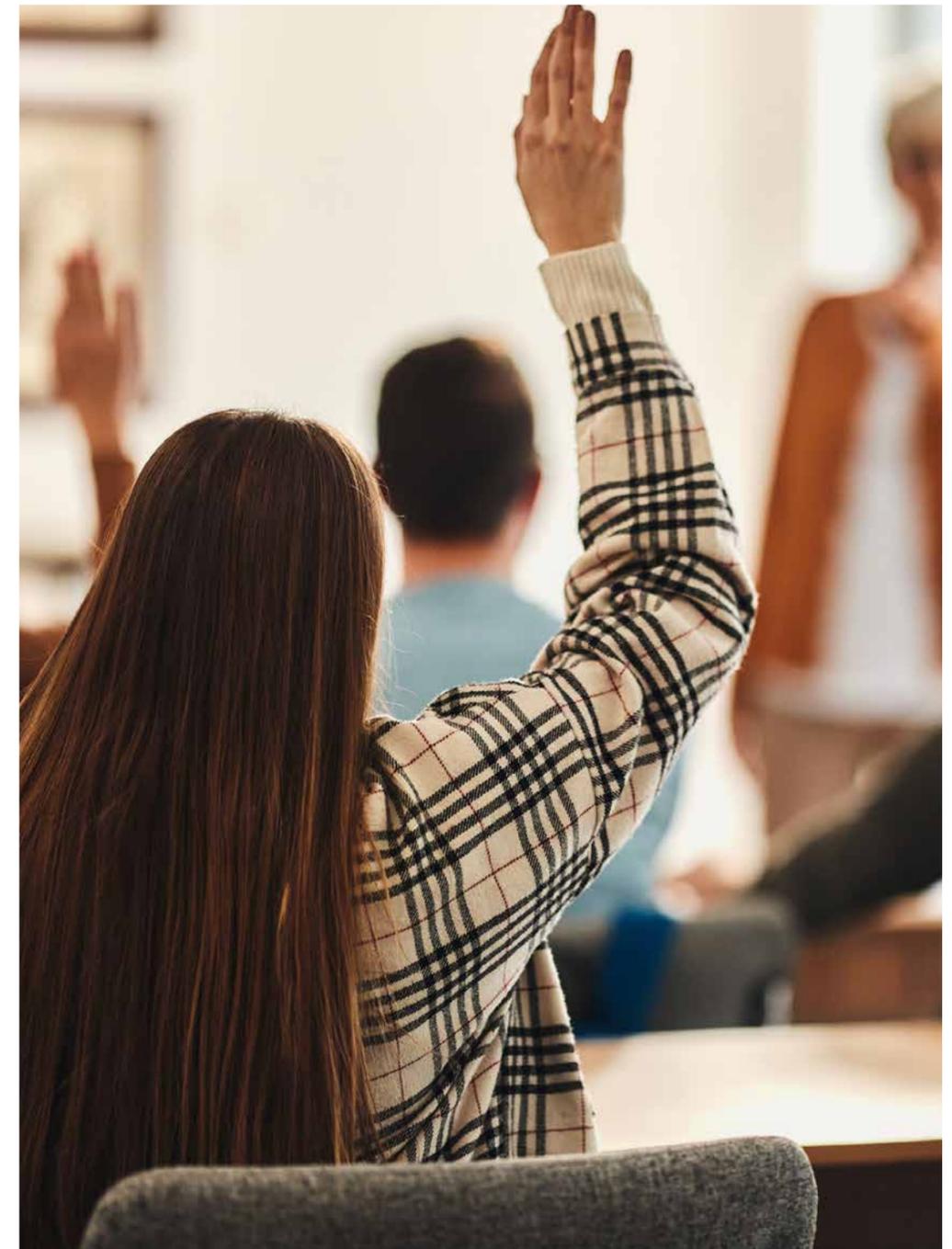
### Clear Data on Student Movement

With clear dashboards and comprehensive data reports, the new hall pass system has empowered administrators to easily see where everyone is meant to be, at a glance — providing unparalleled clarity and oversight.

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There's less of a friction between kids and teachers. The tools have given us more clarity and hall passes are just not a discussion item anymore.”

—— Wendi Butler  
Assistant Principal



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Minga has exceeded expectations — the impact was more than I anticipated. I didn't expect how extensively we could use the hall pass system for so many different things. And this has really helped to cut out the mystery about what these kids are doing.”

—— **Wendi Butler**  
Assistant Principal



KEY RESULTS



**2800**  
Active  
Digital IDs



**10 ID stickers created over 1 year — reducing administrative burden** and making it easier to manage diverse student schedules

**11%**  
average  
monthly  
decrease



An **11% average monthly decrease in hall passes issued**, in just 3 months.



An extra **1,525 hours of instruction time per month**, over 3 months.

**26%**  
average  
monthly  
decrease



A **26% average monthly decrease in hall pass hours**, in just 3 months.



# MINGA is a MODULAR PLATFORM

- ✓ Student ID Module
- ✓ Hall Pass Module
- ✓ Community Module
- ✓ Check-in Module
- ✓ Behavior & Rewards Module
- ✓ FlexTime Module

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