



Cisco Access Manager for K-12 and Higher Education

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Education/research sector is the number one most attacked industry globally¹

92%

Of teachers noted that technology has had a positive impact on their student engagement²

50%

Of students consider the quality of a university's digital experience a key factor in their selection process³

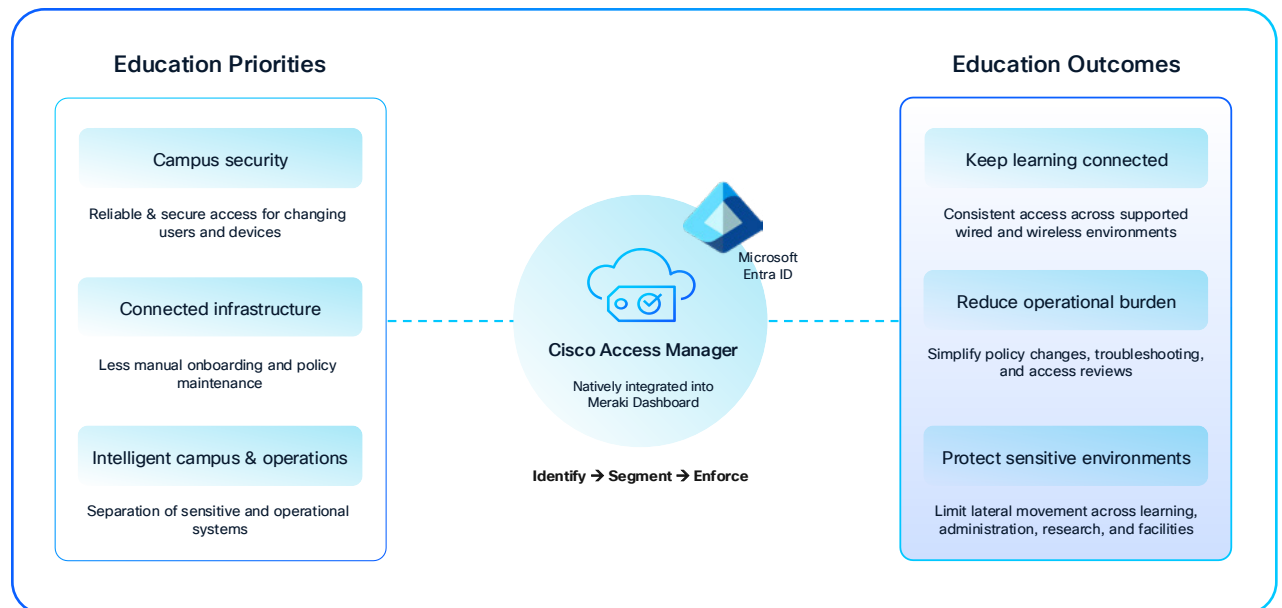
Key Benefits

1. **Keep access consistent** as students, educators, staff, and guests move across schools and campuses.
2. **Adapt access automatically** as enrollment, employment, role, and group information changes in Microsoft Entra ID.
3. **Give users and devices appropriate access** across managed devices, shared endpoints, guests, and IoT.
4. **Limit lateral movement and protect sensitive environments** by segmenting the network using identity and device context.
5. **Simplify deployment and management** through the Meraki Dashboard using supported Meraki infrastructure, reducing separate NAC and RADIUS infrastructure

Secure access without slowing education

Education networks must support open, reliable connectivity for students, educators, staff, guests, and a growing mix of managed devices, shared endpoints, classroom technology, and IoT. As identities, devices, and roles continually change, static access policies can create inconsistent access, excessive trust, and significant administrative work. AI applications and agents running on user devices add another source of activity that institutions must securely accommodate.

Cisco Access Manager provides cloud-managed, identity- and context-based network access control through the Meraki Dashboard. It helps education institutions determine who and what is connecting and apply appropriate access across supported wired and wireless environments. This gives IT teams in education, a consistent way to protect student data, administrative systems, research resources, and connected facilities while keeping access simple for legitimate users.



Make access follow every user and device

Cisco Access Manager brings cloud-managed network access control to the Meraki Dashboard. It helps education IT teams:

- Apply consistent identity-based policy across supported wired and wireless learning environments.
- Give managed devices, guests, shared endpoints, and IoT appropriate access.
- Adapt network access as roles and groups change.

- Use Security Group Tags to separate learning, administrative, research, and facilities environments, helping protect student data, research resources, and critical systems.
- Use centralized identity and device visibility to support troubleshooting and access reviews.

Unlike traditional appliance-based NAC deployments, Access Manager is delivered through the Meraki Dashboard and uses supported Meraki infrastructure. This reduces the need for separate NAC appliances and external RADIUS infrastructure, helping lean education IT teams deploy and scale access policy with less operational complexity.

Take the next step toward simpler, identity-based access.

Contact Cisco or a partner to explore Access Manager. Eligible K-12 schools and libraries can ask whether [Cisco Education Advantage pricing](#) applies. Higher education institutions can discuss available education pricing and funding programs. Eligibility varies by product, region, and date.

