

K-12 NETWORK REFRESH CHECKLIST

ONE DASHBOARD. DAY-TWO SIMPLE.

Score each line 0–3 (0 = not in place, 3 = solid)

WI-FI 6/6E:

Are classrooms covered?

- ☐ Classrooms, libraries, and testing spaces all have strong signal.
- ☐ Access points are in the right spots for high-density days; roaming feels seamless.
- ☐ You can see which clients are struggling and tweak channels from the dashboard.

Quick win: Check the client-health view in your Meraki or Catalyst tools. Fix the top three problem spots.

SWITCHING & VISIBILITY:

Can you see what's really happening?

- ☐ Your Meraki dashboard (or Cloud Monitoring for Catalyst) shows ports, clients, and traffic for every site.
- ☐ You get alerts when switches overheat or run low on PoE power.
- ☐ Firmware updates follow a plan — not panic.

Quick win: Bring all Catalyst stacks to the same software level before the next change window.

SEGMENTATION & POLICY:

Are the right people on the right network?

- ☐ Students, staff, and admin traffic are separated from each other end-to-end.
- ☐ Unknown devices land in a limited network until approved.
- ☐ Filtering and access rules meet CIPA requirements across all schools.

Quick win: Double-check that admin devices aren't living on the student SSID.

WAN & SECURE ACCESS:

Will learning keep going if a link drops?

- ☐ Each campus has a tested backup path or SD-WAN failover.
- ☐ Key learning and testing apps get priority bandwidth.
- ☐ Firewalls apply policies consistently without slowing things down.

Quick win: Schedule a quick failover test before the next big assessment week.

OPERATIONAL HEALTH:

Can your team breathe?

- ☐ Switching and Wi-Fi live in one dashboard — Meraki Cloud or Cisco DNA Center.
- ☐ Config templates are version-controlled and easy to roll back.
- ☐ The team shares the load; first-line fixes don't wait for one person.

Quick win: Trim noisy alerts and keep only the ones that help you act fast.

☐ Add them up (max 45). Anything below 30 means quick wins are waiting.

YOUR READINESS SCORE

Score	Status	Focus
0–15	At Risk	Start with Wi-Fi and WAN basics — we'll help you triage.
16–30	Emerging	Add visibility and clean up segmentation next.
31–40	Stable	Time to tune SD-WAN and plan 6 GHz upgrades.
41–45	Optimized	You're ready for growth — think secure access and IoT.

WHAT'S NEXT?

You'll get a short list of fixes, budget-friendly options, and a rollout plan that fits your calendar, powered by 954 + Cisco.

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