



SECURING HIGHER EDUCATION – IT TAKES TWO

With their open environments and rich stores of personally identifiable information, colleges and universities are prime targets for cyberattacks. Higher education IT pros work tirelessly to protect university networks and data, meet compliance requirements and educate end users, but are students equally concerned about cybersecurity and aware of their institutions' efforts?

CDW surveyed 250 higher education IT professionals and 300 students to hear what they had to say.



81% of students say their institution's ability to **protect** university and student data is very important

But **74%** are concerned with their ability to do so

Why?

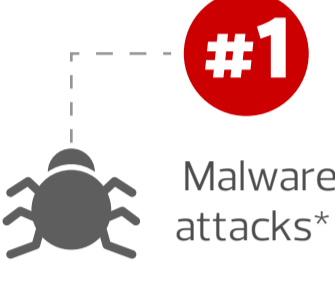


of institutions have experienced a **data breach** in the **last 12 months**



have experienced **data loss**

Most common breaches:



IT pros say their **#1 cybersecurity challenge is educating users on security policies and procedures**

But IT pros and students also **face critical communication gaps:**



Breach awareness:

91% of IT pros who have **experienced a breach** say they have communicated the news to the student body

but just **26%** of students **are aware** of any **cybersecurity breaches** at their college/university in the past 12 months

Required training:

82% of IT pros say they require students to take **IT security training on cybersecurity** at least once a year

but just **35%** of students **say the same**

Overall effectiveness:

25% of students say that their **college/university's cybersecurity training and educational efforts** have been **very effective**

To **improve their cybersecurity**, higher education institutions must **close these gaps and:**



Improve compliance:



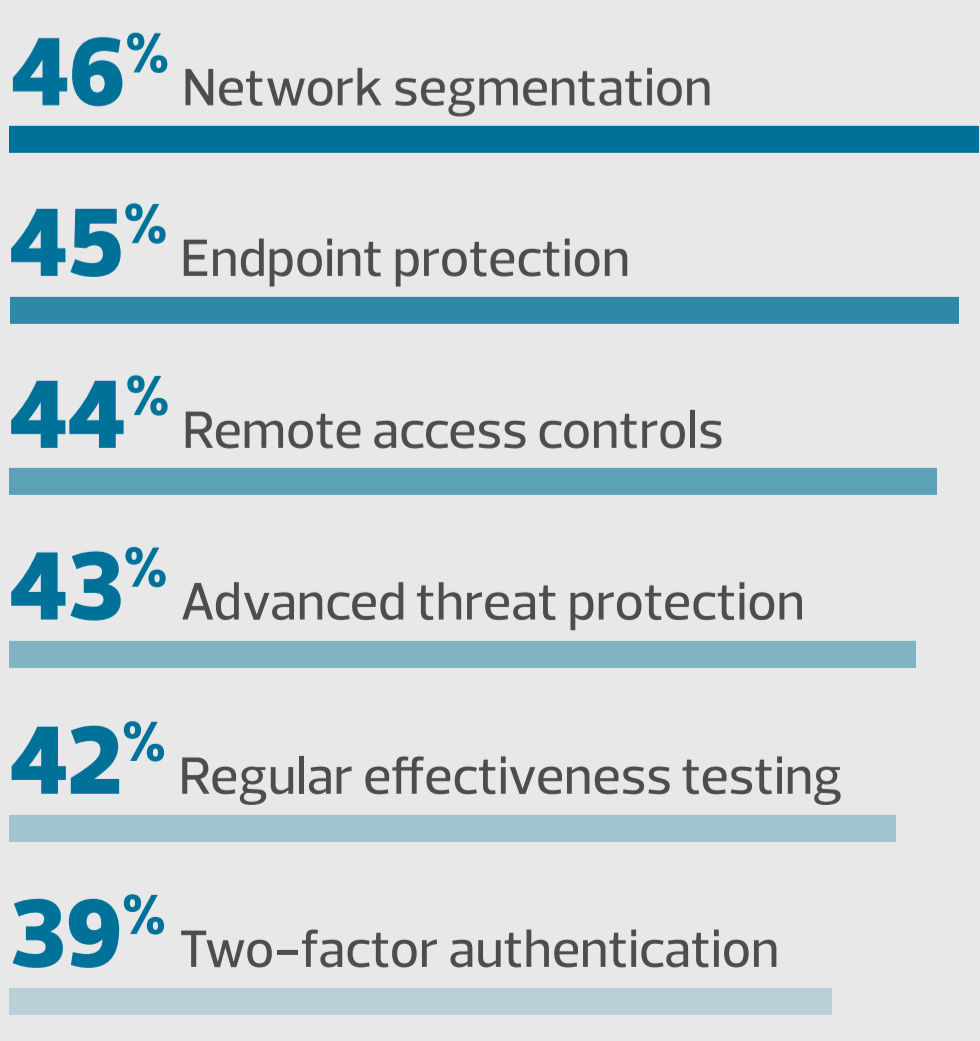
76% of students admit to **engaging in risky behavior** while connected to their university's network, including:



Ensure fail-safes are in place:



Less than half of IT pros say their institution employs the following campus-wide:



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*Includes all malware attacks outside of ransomware