



STATE OF SCHOOL SAFETY FOR THE BEXLEY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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How Can Parents Help?

- Discuss/model how to safely get to and from school
- Review the Parent/Student Safety Overview document
- See Something, Say Something
 - We all are safety compliance officers
 - We all must build a culture of care



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- District/School Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and Emergency Response Plans (ERP) are approved by the Ohio Department of Education/Homeland Security every three years. **They are not public records.**



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Staff Goals (Applies to All Crises)

Life Safety

- Keep children and staff members from getting injured
- Provide first aid for the injured

Incident Stabilization (Keep the incident from getting worse)

- Get the children to a safe area
- Call for help as soon as possible



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In 2019, we contracted with safety experts to conduct a comprehensive security audit. The audit results identified our three greatest assets to be:

- Door-locking systems
- Culture of care & relationships
- Close proximity to Bexley PD



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The safety and security audit results showed areas of need:

- Training and drills
- Need to enhance alert and notification system
- Other time-saving measures



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Trainings:

- 2019 - Established Building-Level Threat Assessment and Safety Teams. Staff were trained on Lock-Out, Take-Out, Get-Out protocols and bleed-control techniques.
- 2021 - Conducted a full-scale drill evacuation and a reunification tabletop exercise.
- Every year we conduct a lockdown drill in each building.
- May 2022 - Conducted gun-safety presentation for community.
- August 2022 - Trained our Threat Assessment Teams on protocols and the importance of school culture and relationships.



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Alert & Notification Systems

- Partnered with Staff Alerter and purchased:
 - 17 personal alarm devices (PADs)
 - 20 desk alarms
 - 60 glass-break alarm activators
 - 60 wall-mounted alarms
- Purchased 80 new radios for District leadership, PE teachers, secretaries, athletic department, and for building needs, including recess



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Additional Security & Time-Safety Features

- HD live camera system
- Visitor management system (i.e., video doorbells)
- Swipe and keypad entry system
- Mobile Emergency Response Plan app
- Safety film added to select exterior and interior windows



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Facts:

- Our schools are safe.
- Prevention of a bad thing happening at one of our schools cannot be guaranteed, but we can deter by planning and preparation.



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School Intruder/Threat Facts

- We can't script every scenario.
- Typically, Bexley Police arrive on campus in three minutes or less.
- On average, school shootings lasts less than three minutes; entire emergency events last 12 minutes.
- The Sandy Hook Advisory Commission Report: "... **There has never been** an event in which an active shooter breached a locked classroom door."



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School Intruder/Threat Facts (continued):

- Prior to attacks, others usually knew of the idea/plan.
- Most attackers did not threaten their targets directly prior to attack.
- Most attackers have access to weapons
<https://besmartforkids.org/>
- Many attackers felt bullied

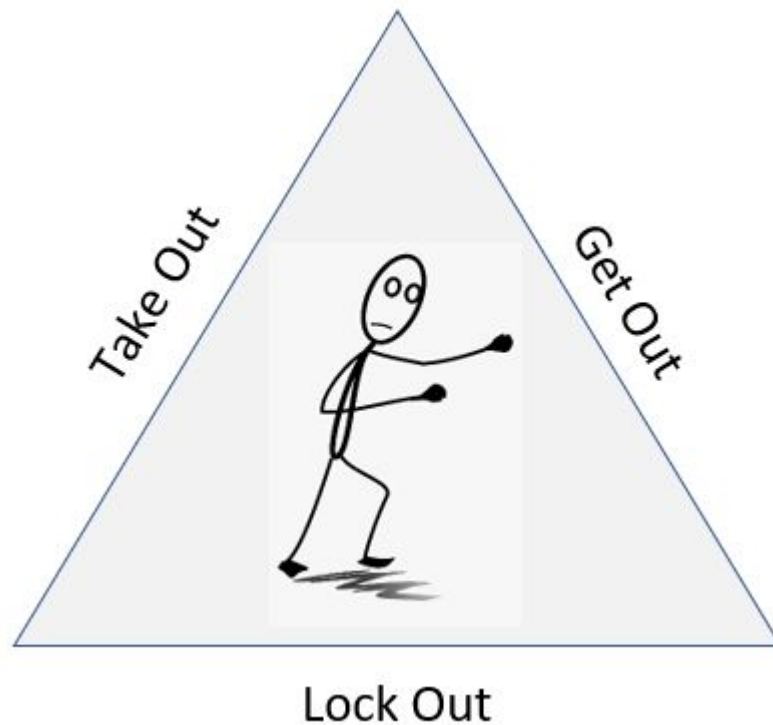


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Lockdown Options

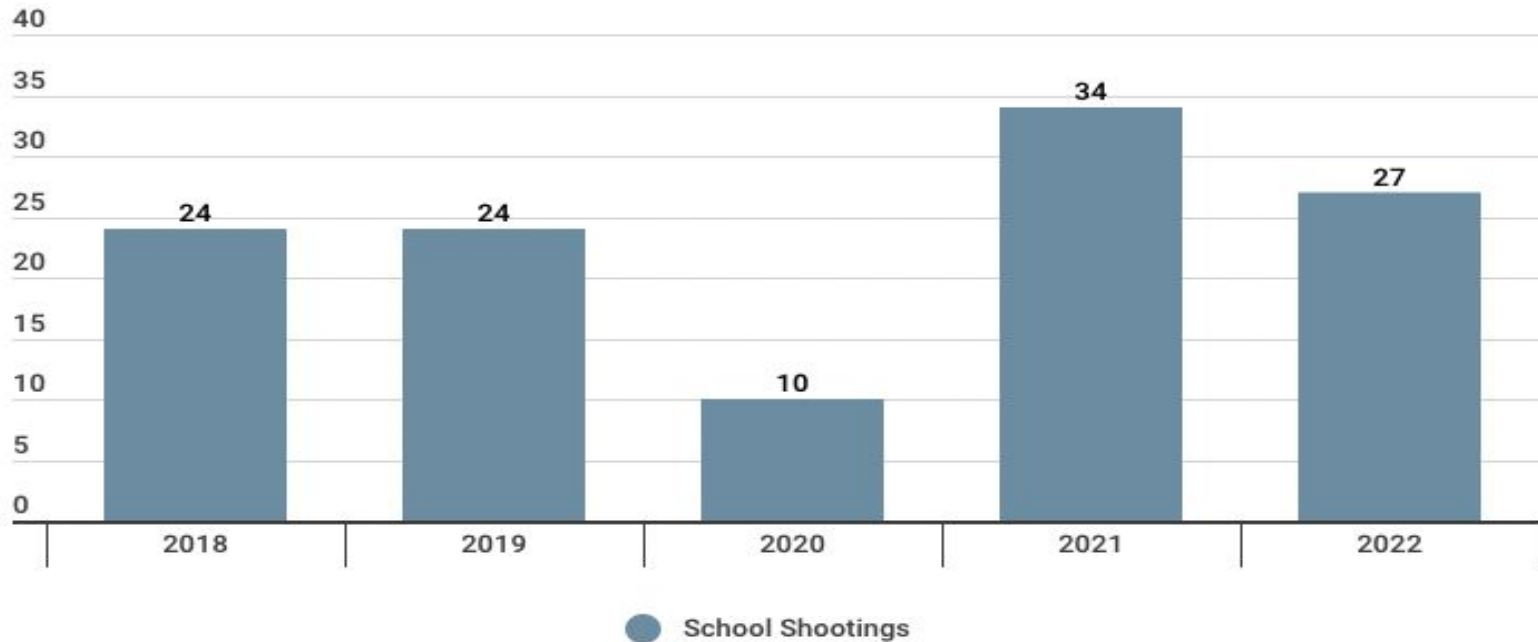
(In no priority order)

- Lock Out
- Get Out
- Take Out





There have been 119 school shootings in which at least one person was killed or injured since 2018.



<https://www.edweek.org/leadership/school-shootings-over-time-incidents-injuries-and-deaths>

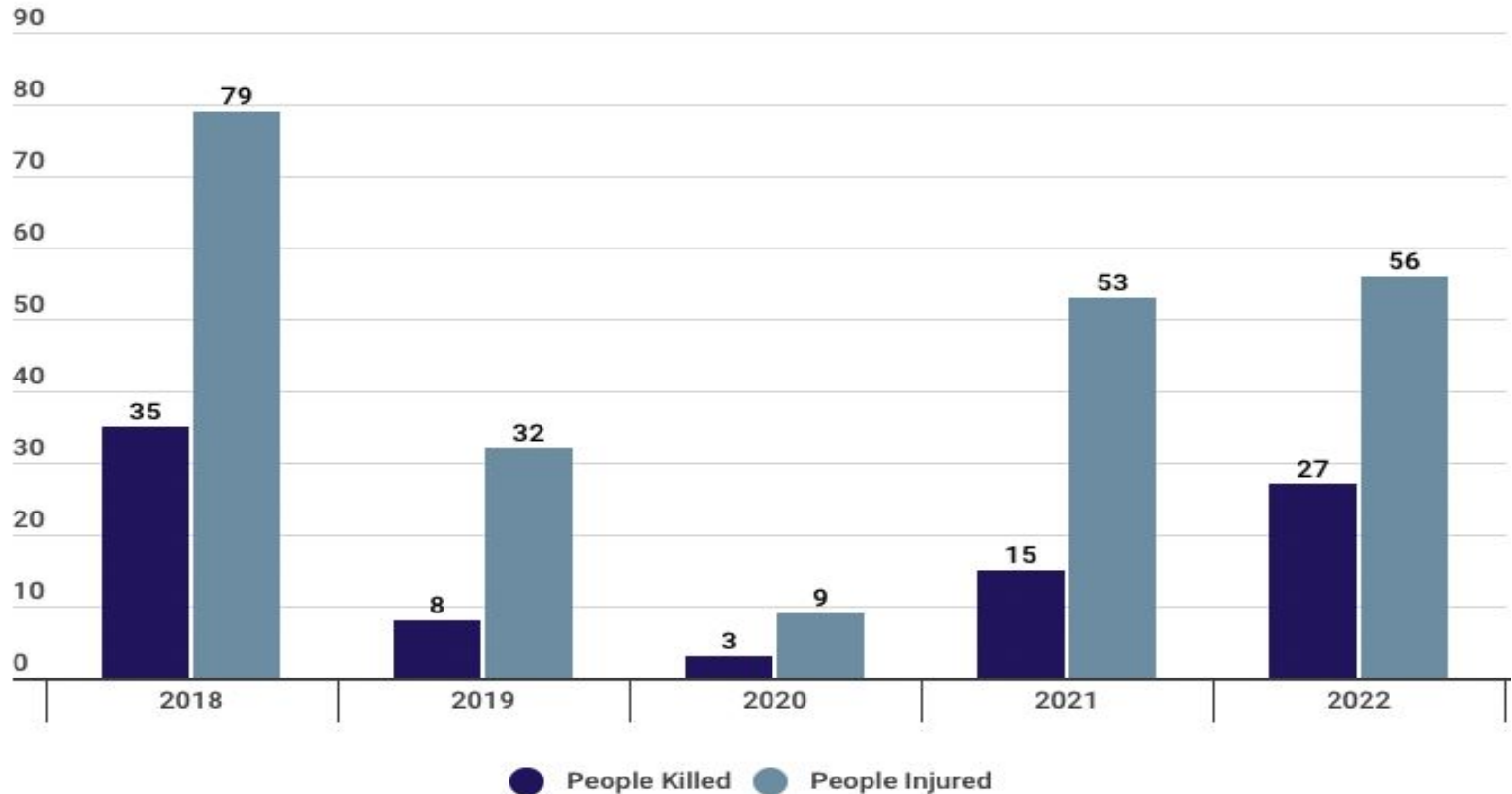


Suicide Supports

Call 9-8-8 for the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline
Stay Safe, Speak Up! Hotline



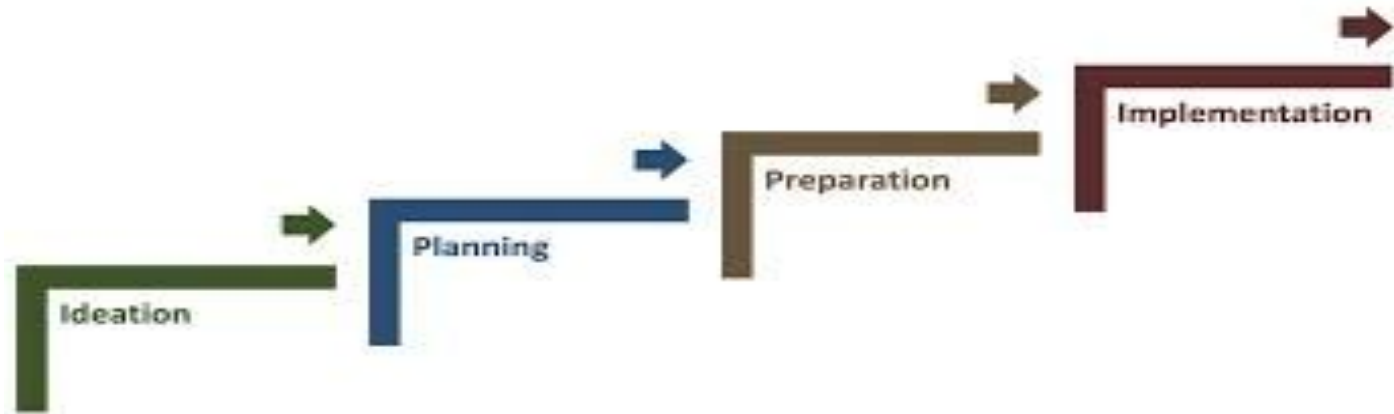
There have been 88 people killed and 229 people injured from school shootings since 2018.





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Our goal is not only to stop a violent event, but to get help for a student who may be on a pathway to violence.





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Those who engage in school violence can be grouped into two categories:

1. A current member of the school
2. A non-member of the school



Active Threat from a Student: Prevention Strategies at BCSD

- Relationships
- Inclusion & Equity
- PBIS
- Threat Assessment Teams
- Tip Lines-Stay Safe, Speak Up!
- Stress Management
- Parent Involvement
- Restorative Justice
- Social/Emotional Learning
- Bullying Awareness
- Conflict Resolution
- Healthy Relationship Training



Active Threat from a Non-Student: Prevention Strategies at BCSD

- Partnership with Bexley PD
- Harden School Buildings
- Visitor Management
- Live Camera Systems
- Safety Plans



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Changes in Our Safety Procedures...Now and in the Works:

- Exploring ways to improve playground safety
- Exploring door alarms for certain areas
- Issuing a Staff Safety and Security Overview to all BCSD employees, including guest teachers and coaches
- Issuing a Safety Overview document to all parents and grade 6-12 students
- Issuing access to the Mobile Emergency Response Plan (MERP) app to all BCSD employees, including guest teachers and coaches.



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FAQs

1. What is the District's position on arming teachers?
2. What is the District's position on school resource officers?
3. What is the District's position on metal detectors?
4. Can the keypads be turned off for students during the school day?