

## Facts

*In the last few years, there have been more school shootings than normal. Take a look at views from teachers and administration on how they would handle the situation, how to stay safe and data on school shootings since 1999.*

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### What would your first instinct be if there was an active shooter in the school?

**Principal Graeber:** “First thing I would do is radio the school officer and make sure they’re aware of the situation, and my second move, I would take out my cell phone and call 911.”

**Vice Principal Green:** “Go through the emergency protocol, and make sure we go into our procedures to try and keep people safe.”

**Coach Baring:** “Depending on location, I would make sure everyone would be safe and, in the room, because the active shooter could be inside or outside.”

**Officer Sims:** “The reason I’m here in the school is to protect the students from any harm, so I would go straight to wherever the person was threatening people and stop them to save the students and faculty, so they don’t get harmed.”

**Major Quinlan:** “Student safety, not mine but students. Being a leader in combat and leading men, I always had to be at the point of friction. But get the students into a safe area, get them calmed down and then follow school procedures. If you get out of the school safe, great, but if not, find a spot and then hide.”

**News**

## 219,000

- Since the Columbine shooting in 1999, more than 219,000 students in 223 schools across the U.S. have experienced gun violence in their schools.

## 16

- The average age of a school shooter since 1999 is 16 years old.

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- So far in 2018 there have been 23 school shootings making it the highest amount of school shootings since 1999.

## 143

- There have been at least 143 students, teachers and others people killed. 288 have been injured.

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- To be classified as a mass shooting; there must have been at least three people killed. Out of the 223 school shootings, eight of them were mass shootings.

# An Inside Look On:

### Types of Training:

- Online classroom
- District training that everyone in the district must receive
- Training from Officer Sims
- North High had a SWAT guy come in and talk about actions to take in different situations
- CPI (Crisis Prevention Intervention) Training that the security team takes part in

### Steps to follow in an active shooter situation and how to stay safe:

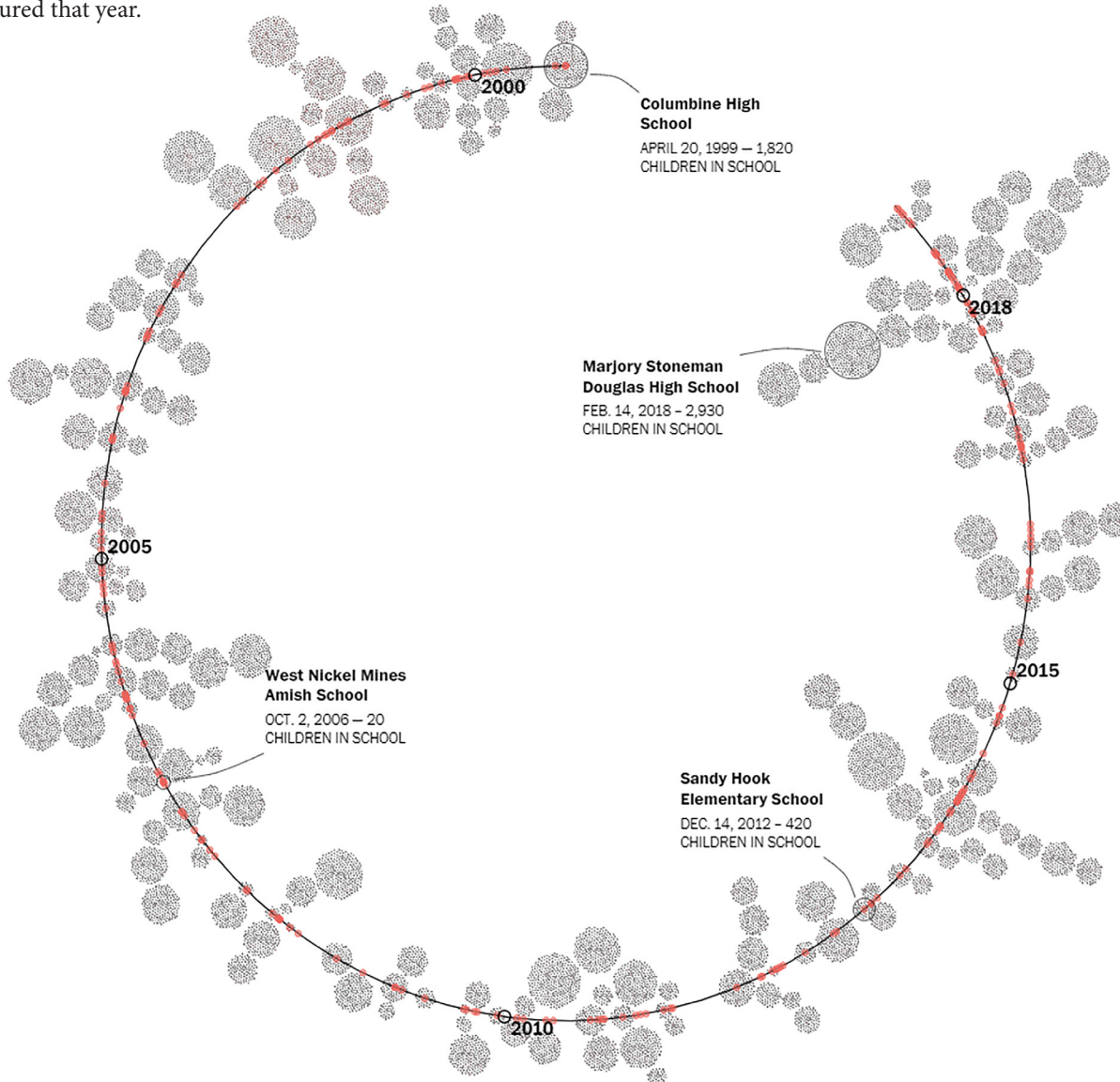
- Listen to your teachers’ instructions on what to do and how to stay safe. They have a specific protocol they need to follow, so you need to stay calm to listen.
- The most important thing you can do is when you find out dial 911.
- Make sure you are away from windows and not able to be seen by anyone. If you cannot leave try finding an object to protect yourself if harm were to come your way.
- Depending on the shooter’s location, if you can get out of the building you should. But if you can’t, hide and become as small of a target as possible and be quiet.

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# School Shootings

## 3 Deadliest School Shootings in the U.S.

In the United States, the government does not keep track of how many school shootings have happened. The Washington Post did a report on how many schools have experienced gun violence since the 1999 Columbine shooting. Each dot represents 10 students that have experienced gun violence in their school and each circle is one school shooting incident. The more circles there are next to each other means there were more school shootings that occurred that year.



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- 2012, Sandy Hook Elementary: 26 people were killed and 2 were injured.

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- 2018, Stoneman Douglas High School: 17 people were killed and 17 injured.

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- 1999, Columbine High School: 13 were killed and 21 injured.