

MAJOR U.S. SCHOOL SHOOTINGS

- **Newark, New Jersey. August 4, 2007.** Three Delaware State University students were shot and killed execution style by a 28-year-old and two 15-year-old boys. The three friends were forced to kneel against a wall behind an elementary school and were shot in the head. A fourth student was found about 30 feet away with gunshot and knife wounds to her head.¹
- **Dallas, Texas. June 29, 2007.** A 17-year-old former high school football player shot and injured two other high school students in the school parking lot.²
- **Huntersville, North Carolina. April 18, 2007.** A 16-year-old male high school student made threatened two high school students with a gun in their school's parking lot and then turned the gun on himself, committing suicide, when police subsequently approached him in a nearby gas station.³
- **Blacksburg, Virginia. April 16, 2007.** Student massacres 32 students and wounds 15 more, armed with a Glock model 19 handgun and a Walther P22 handgun. It is the worst single act of gun violence in American history.⁴
- **Gresham, Oregon. April 10, 2007**
Ten high school students were injured when gunshots from a rifle shattered a classroom window. A student who attended the school was later arrested and the rifle was found in a nearby field.⁵
- **Midland, Michigan. March 7, 2007.** A gunman shot and wounded his teenage ex-girlfriend in a high school parking lot in Midland, Mich., before fatally shooting himself.⁶

¹ *Third Suspect Arrested in Student Killings*, AP, Aug. 11, 2007.

² National School Safety and Security Services, Inc. *2006-2007 School Year Incidents*. http://www.schoolsecurity.org/trends/school_violence06-07.html. (last visited July 23, 2007).

³ National School Safety and Security Services, Inc. *2006-2007 School Year Incidents*. http://www.schoolsecurity.org/trends/school_violence06-07.html. (last visited June 19, 2007).

⁴ *Gunman Kills 32 at Virginia Tech in Deadliest Shooting in U.S. History*, Washington Post, at A1.

⁵ National School Safety and Security Services, Inc. *2006-2007 School Year Incidents*. http://www.schoolsecurity.org/trends/school_violence06-07.html. (last visited June 19, 2007).

⁶ *U.S. School Shootings*, CBSNews.com, http://www.cbsnews.com/htdocs/guns_in_america/html/framesource_schoolmap.html. (last visited June 19, 2007).

- **Los Angeles, California. January 26, 2007.** An 18-year-old male was shot in the three times and died while playing basketball in a middle school gym. Police were seeking three suspects who fled after the shooting.⁷
- **Tacoma, Washington. January 3, 2007.** 18-year-old student shot fellow student in the hallway of Henry Foss High School before 1st period classes began.⁸
- **Springfield Township, Pennsylvania. December 12, 2006.** A 16-year-old male high school shot and killed himself with an AK-47 in the hallway of his high school. The student, reportedly despondent over his grades, had the gun concealed in a camouflage duffle bag and fired one round in the ceiling to warn other students to get out of the way before committing suicide.⁹
- **Clinton, South Carolina. November 9, 2006.** A North Carolina man, suspected of assaulting his wife, committed suicide after wounding a police officer on the campus of Presbyterian College.¹⁰
- **Joplin, Missouri. October 9, 2006.** A 13-year-old boy, obsessed with the Columbine school shootings, brought a MAC-90 semiautomatic assault rifle (a replica of an AK-47) to school, pointing it at students and firing it into the ceiling until the gun jammed.¹¹
- **Nickel Mines, Pennsylvania. October 2, 2006.** A dairy truck driver walked into a one-room Amish schoolhouse with a shotgun, a semi-automatic handgun, and 600 rounds of ammunition, selected all the female students, and shot them execution-style, killing five and seriously wounding six. The man then shot himself, apparently having left suicide notes beforehand.¹²
- **Cazenovia, Wisconsin. September 29, 2006.** A student walked into a rural school with a handgun and a shotgun and shot the principal several times, killing him.¹³

⁷ National School Safety and Security Services, Inc. *2006-2007 School Year Incidents*. http://www.schoolsecurity.org/trends/school_violence06-07.html. (last visited June 19, 2007).

⁸ *Cops Seek Motive in Wash. School Shooting*, CBS News, Jan. 4, 2007.

⁹ National School Safety and Security Services, Inc. *2006-2007 School Year Incidents*. http://www.schoolsecurity.org/trends/school_violence06-07.html. (last visited June 19, 2007).

¹⁰ *Man Shoots S.C. College Police Officer Before Killing Himself*, Associated Press, Nov. 10, 2006.

¹¹ *Missouri Boy Fires Rifle in his School; All Are Safe*, New York Times, Oct. 10, 2006, and *Student Arrested After 1 Shot Fired in School; Missouri Authorities Say 13-Year-Old Boy Had Fascination with 1999 Columbine Attack*, Chicago Tribune, Oct. 10, 2006.

¹² *Man Shoots 11, Killing 5 Girls, in Amish School*, New York Times, Oct. 2, 2006.

¹³ *Principal Killed by Shot in Struggle With Angry Student*, New York Times, Sept. 30, 2006.

- **Bailey, Colorado. September 27, 2006.** A lone gunman enters a high school and holds six female students hostage, sexually assaults them, kills one of them, and then kills himself after a four-hour standoff.¹⁴
- **Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. September 17, 2006.** Five Duquesne University basketball players are wounded, one critically, after a shooting on campus following a dance, the first such incident in the 128-year history of the University.¹⁵
- **Green Bay, Wisconsin. September 14, 2006.** Two boys, teased at school and obsessed with the mass killings at Columbine, are arrested for amassing an arsenal of guns and bombs and for planning an attack on East High School.¹⁶
- **Montreal, Quebec, Canada. September 13, 2006.** An individual massacres 14 women at the Ecole Polytechnique of the University of Montreal, “apparently because he felt that women were taking too many seats at the university.”¹⁷
- **Hillsborough, North Carolina. August 30, 2006.** After shooting his father to death, a student opens fire at his high school, injuring two students. Deputies found guns, ammunition, and homemade pipe bombs in the student’s car. The student had emailed Columbine High’s Principal, telling him that it was “time the world remembered” the shootings at Columbine.¹⁸
- **Essex, Vermont. August 24, 2006.** A gunman shoots five people, killing two of them, in a rampage through two houses and an elementary school, before wounding himself.¹⁹
- **Red Lake Indian Reservation, Minnesota. March 21, 2005.** At the time, the worst school-related shooting incident since the Columbine shootings in April of 1999. Ten killed and seven injured in rampage by high school student.²⁰

¹⁴ *Student and Gunman Die in Colorado High School Standoff*, New York Times, Sept. 28, 2006, and *Bailey Shooter Sat in School Lot for Hours*, Denver Post, Oct. 12, 2006.

¹⁵ *2nd Arrest Is Made in Duquesne Attack*, New York Times, Sept. 21, 2006, and *After Arrest, a 2nd Suspect Is Sought in Duquesne Case*, New York Times, Sept. 20, 2006.

¹⁶ *Schoolmates Made Fun of Boys Charged in Plot; 2 Had Columbine Fascination, Police Say*, Washington Post, Sept. 23, 2006.

¹⁷ *Why They Kill*, Los Angeles Times, Apr. 17, 2007 at 21.

¹⁸ *Teenager Is Accused of Multiple Shootings*, New York Times, Sept. 1, 2006.

¹⁹ *Deadly Rampage in Quiet Vt. Town; Man Kills Two, Hurts Two Others, in Shootings at School, Homes*, Boston Globe, Aug. 25, 2006.

²⁰ *'A Very Quiet Sense of Shock'; Small Community Struggles to Cope*, Washington Post, Mar. 23, 2005.

- **Bellflower, California. March 16, 2005.** Another Columbine was averted when two juveniles were arrested for plotting to shoot up their high school.²¹
- **Cumberland City, Tennessee. March 2, 2005.** School bus driver shot and killed while driving a school bus carrying 24 students – from kindergarten through 12th grade – by a 14-year-old student who had been reported to administrators by the driver for chewing tobacco on the bus.²²
- **Nine Mile Falls, Washington. December 10, 2004.** A 16-year-old high school junior committed suicide with a .38-caliber handgun at his high school's entryway around 1:20 p.m.²³
- **Joyce, Washington. March 17, 2004.** A 13-year-old student shot and killed himself in a school classroom where about 20 other students were present. The boy reportedly brought a .22-caliber rifle hidden in a guitar case and pulled it out during the 10 a.m. class.²⁴
- **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. February 11, 2004:** A 10-year-old student was shot in the face and died outside a Philadelphia elementary school. A 56-year-old female school crossing guard was also shot in the foot as she tried to scurry children across the street as bullets were flying and children were on the playground.²⁵
- **Washington, D.C. February 2, 2004.** A 17-year-old male high school student died after being shot several times and another student was injured after shots were fired near the school's cafeteria.²⁶
- **Henderson, Nevada. January 21, 2004.** Gunman shoots and kills a hostage in his car on school campus. The gunman was allegedly looking for his ex-girlfriend as he searched the school full of children in an after-school program.²⁷

²¹ *2 Boys Charged in Plot; Bellflower Teens Are Accused of Planning Killings at Their School*, Los Angeles Times, Mar. 16, 2005.

²² *School Bus Driver Slain*, New York Times, Mar. 3, 2005.

²³ *Student's Suicide Stuns Community; Counselors Available as School Officials Strive to 'Restore a Sense of Safety'*, Spokane Spokesman-Review, Dec. 12, 2004.

²⁴ *Student Shoots Himself at School in Washington State*, Associated Press, Mar. 17, 2004.

²⁵ *Boy, 10, Shot at School - 10-Year-Old Hit by Stray Bullet Outside School, 'This Is a Philadelphia Tragedy'*, Philadelphia Inquirer, Feb. 12, 2004.

²⁶ *Student Slain in Shooting at Ballou*, Washington Post, Feb. 3, 2004.

²⁷ *Two Dead After Standoff*, Las Vegas Sun, Jan. 22, 2004.

- **Sugar Land, Texas. November 8, 2003.** A 17-year-old female high school student was shot and killed as a fight broke out at the side of a stadium at a high school football game.²⁸
- **Cold Spring, Minnesota. September 24, 2003.** Two students are shot and killed by a 15-year-old at Rocori High School.²⁹
- **Hopkinsville, Kentucky. September 16, 2003.** A 16-year-old girl fatally shot another teen and then killed herself as the two sat in a car parked at a shopping center across from their school.³⁰
- **Fort Worth, Texas. September 10, 2003.** A 16-year-old boy fatally shot a classmate, then dumped his body in a nearby construction site.³¹
- **San Diego, California. September 5, 2003.** A 14-year-old boy jogging with his high school cross-country team is shot and killed in an ambush by his father, who then killed himself after a standoff with police.³²
- **Red Lion, Pennsylvania. April 24, 2003.** Principal of Red Lion Area Junior High is fatally shot in the chest by a 14-year-old student, who then committed suicide, as students gather in the cafeteria for breakfast.³³
- **New Orleans, Louisiana. April 14, 2003.** One 15-year-old killed and three students wounded at John McDonough High School by gunfire from four teenagers in a gang-related shooting.³⁴
- **Tucson, Arizona, October 29, 2002.** A student shot and killed three professors, and then himself, in a rampage at the University of Arizona School of Nursing, where he

²⁸ *Man Charged in Fatal Shooting Outside High School Game*, Associated Press, Nov. 10, 2003.

²⁹ *Boy Opens Fire in Central Minnesota School; One Killed, Another Critically Wounded*, Associated Press, Sept. 25, 2003.

³⁰ *Police Say Teens' Deaths Near School a Murder-Suicide*, Associated Press, Sept. 20, 2003.

³¹ *Teenager Accused of Fatally Shooting Classmate*, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Sept. 16, 2003.

³² *San Diego Teen Killed in Ambush by Father*, Associated Press Online, Sept. 5, 2003.

³³ *Student Kills Principal at Middle School, Then Self*, Associated Press, Apr. 23, 2003.

³⁴ *School Officials Say They'll Bolster Security after New Orleans Shooting Leaves Teen Dead*, Associated Press, Apr. 16, 2003.

was a failing. Reportedly, he had told classmates about a year before that he had obtained a CCW permit.³⁵

- **October 7, 2002. Bowie, Maryland.** A 13-year-old boy was shot and critically wounded by the DC-area sniper outside Benjamin Tasker Middle School.³⁶
- **New York, New York. January 15, 2002.** Two students at Martin Luther King Junior High School in Manhattan were seriously wounded when an 18-year-old opened fire in the school.³⁷
- **Caro, Michigan. November 12, 2001.** A 17-year-old student took two hostages and the Caro Learning Center with a .22-caliber rifle and a 20-gauge shotgun, before killing himself.³⁸
- **Ennis, Texas. May 15, 2001.** A 16-year-old sophomore upset over his relationship with a girl, took 17 hostages in English class, and shot and killed himself and the girl.³⁹
- **Gary, Indiana. March 30, 2001.** 17-year-old expelled from Lew Wallace High School kills classmate.⁴⁰
- **Granite Hills, California. March 22, 2001.** One teacher and three students wounded by a student at Granite Hills School.⁴¹
- **Willamsport, Pennsylvania. March 7, 2001.** Classmate wounded by a 14 year-old-girl, in the cafeteria of Bishop Neuman High School.⁴²
- **Santee, California. March 5, 2001.** A 15-year-old student killed two fellow students and wounded 13 others, while firing from a bathroom at Santana High School in San Diego County.⁴³

³⁵ *3 Professors Shot Dead at University of Arizona*, Washington Post, Oct. 29, 2002.

³⁶ *Boy Critically Wounded Outside Md. School in Latest Sniper Attack*, Associated Press, Oct. 8, 2002.

³⁷ *Two Students Injured in MLK High School Shooting*, Associated Press, Jan. 15, 2002.

³⁸ *Teen Takes 2 Hostages at School, Kills Self*, Associated Press, Nov. 13, 2001.

³⁹ *Student Kills Self After Teacher Tried to Get Him to Give up Gun*, Associated Press, May 15, 2001.

⁴⁰ *Teen Charged in Fatal School Shooting Was Expelled Two Years Ago*, Associated Press, Apr. 1, 2001.

⁴¹ *Latest School Shooting Has Parents Seeking Alternatives*, Associated Press, Mar. 24, 2001.

⁴² *One Teen Girl Shoots Another at Pennsylvania Catholic School*, Philadelphia Inquirer, Mar. 8, 2001.

⁴³ *Two Dead, 13 Wounded when Gunman Opens Fire at High School*, Associated Press, Mar. 6, 2001.

- **Baltimore, Maryland. January 17, 2001.** 17-year-old student shot and killed in front of Lake Clifton-Eastern High School.⁴⁴
- **New Orleans, Louisiana. September 26, 2000.** Two students wounded in a gun fight at Woodson Middle School.⁴⁵
- **Lake Worth, Florida. May 26, 2000.** A 13-year-old honor student killed his English teacher on the last day of classes after the teacher refused to let him talk to two girls in his classroom.⁴⁶
- **Prairie Grove, Arkansas. May 11, 2000.** Seventh grade student injures police officer in a hay field north of the student's school after leaving campus in an apparent fit of rage.⁴⁷
- **Savannah, Georgia. March 10, 2000.** Two students killed by a 19-year-old while leaving a dance sponsored by Beach High School.⁴⁸
- **Mount Morris Township, Michigan. February 29, 2000.** A 6-year-old boy shot and killed a 6-year-old girl at Buell Elementary School with a .32 caliber handgun.⁴⁹
- **Fort Gibson, Oklahoma. December 6, 1999.** A 13-year-old student, armed with a handgun, opened fire outside Fort Gibson Middle school, wounding four classmates.⁵⁰
- **Deming, New Mexico. November 19, 1999.** 12-year-old boy came to school dressed in camouflage and shoots 13-year-old girl with a .22 caliber as students were returning from lunch.⁵¹

⁴⁴ *Student Shot Outside Baltimore High School*, Associated Press, Jan. 17, 2001.

⁴⁵ *Two Students Critically Injured in Middle School Shooting*, Associated Press, Sept. 20, 2000.

⁴⁶ *Police: Teacher Fatally Shot by Student on Last Day of Classes*, Associated Press, May 26, 2000.

⁴⁷ *Student, Police Officer Hurt in Exchange of Gunfire Near School*, Associated Press, May 12, 2000.

⁴⁸ *School Dance Ends in Gunfire, Killing Two Teens, Injuring One Other*, Associated Press, Mar. 11, 2000.

⁴⁹ *Community Grieves Death of 6-Year-Old*, Associated Press, Mar. 1, 2000.

⁵⁰ *Friends, Neighbors Look for Answers in School Shooting*, Associated Press, Dec. 7, 1999.

⁵¹ *Girl Shot at Middle School, Boy Taken into Custody*, Associated Press, Nov. 19, 1999.

- **Conyers, Georgia. May 20, 1999.** 15-year-old sophomore opens fire with a rifle and a handgun on Heritage High School students arriving for classes, injuring six.⁵²
- **Littleton, Colorado. April 20, 1999.** Students Eric Harris, 18, and Dylan Klebold, 17, killed 15 students and a teacher and wounded 23 with two sawed-off shotguns and a TEC-DC9 before killing themselves at Columbine High School.⁵³
- **Notus, Idaho, April 16, 1999.** Student “rode the bus to school with a shotgun wrapped in a blanket. He pointed the gun at a secretary and students, then shot twice into a door and at the floor. He had a death list, but told one girl he wouldn't hurt anyone. He surrendered.”
- **Springfield, Oregon. May 21, 1998.** Two teenagers were killed and more than 20 people hurt when a teenage boy opened fire at a high school, after killing his parents. The shooter, 17, was sentenced to nearly 112 years in prison.⁵⁴
- **Fayetteville, Tennessee. May 19, 1998.** Three days before his graduation, an 18-year-old honor student, opened fire at a high school, killing a classmate who was dating his ex-girlfriend.⁵⁵
- **Edinboro, Pennsylvania. April 24, 1998.** A 15-year-old student opened fire at an eighth-grade dance, killing a science teacher.⁵⁶
- **Jonesboro, Arkansas. March 24, 1998.** Two boys, 11 and 13, fired on their middle school from woods, killing four girls and a teacher and wounding 11 others.⁵⁷
- **West Paducah, Kentucky. December 1, 1997.** Three students were killed and five wounded at Heath High School by a 14-year-old.⁵⁸

⁵² *A Loud Pop, Then Chaos Again*, Associated Press, May 20, 1999.

⁵³ *Banned Assault Weapon Used in Littleton School Shooting*, Associated Press, Apr. 23, 1999, *Emergency Workers Cope with Trauma of Their Own*, Associated Press, Apr. 25, 1999, and *Man May Be Arrested in Gun Sale Linked to Columbine Massacre*, Associated Press, Apr. 29, 1999.

⁵⁴ *Second Student Dies from Wounds in Oregon School Shooting*, Associated Press, May 22, 1998, and *Some Fatal Shootings that Took Place at U.S. Schools*, Associated Press, Oct. 4, 2006.

⁵⁵ *List of Recent US School Shootings*, Associated Press, May 22, 1998, and *Police Say School Gunman Left Note Prior to Shooting*, Associated Press, May 28, 1998.

⁵⁶ *3,500 Attend Pa. Teacher Funeral*, Associated Press Online, Apr. 28, 1998.

⁵⁷ *Two Cousins in Camouflage Now Wear Orange Jail Coveralls*, Associated Press, Mar. 25, 1998.

⁵⁸ *Shaken Students Pray for Victims of Shootings*, Associated Press, Dec. 2, 1997.

- **Pearl, Mississippi. October 1, 1997.** A 16-year-old student fatally shot two students and wounded seven others after stabbing his mother to death.⁵⁹
- **Bethel, Alaska. February 19, 1997.** A 16-year-old took a shotgun to school and killed the principal and a student, injuring two others.

⁵⁹ *Teen Passed Note Before Shooting: 'I Am Not Insane. I Am Angry'*, Associated Press, Oct. 2, 1997.