



School Board Task Force

Congratulations! You have been assigned by the school board to come up with a plan to help mitigate the amount of school violence throughout the nation. The plan you choose to design will be implemented nationally.

Why Are We Doing This?: In the past few years, various school shootings have occurred and greatly impacted school environments and students' mental health issues and resurfaced discussions about gun control in the nation. There have been 347 incidents of gunfire at elementary, middle, and high schools between 2013 and 2019. As a result of this ongoing issue, powerful activist movements such as Moms Demand Action and March For Our Lives have gained momentum. Here, we ask you to try and come up with a plan to decrease school violence, without comprising students' learning environments.

Steps:

1. Try to come up with a plan to implement in schools at a national level as a preventative measure for school violence.
 - a. Will your plan focus more on how to prevent violence or how to deal with it?
 - b. What kinds of issues will an increase in security cause?
 - c. Will all schools have metal detectors?
 - i. What can be drawbacks to this?
2. Think through the possible objects about your plan that someone could have and how you would answer them.
 - a. What kinds of issues concerning privacy might come up if your school increases invasive security measures?

3. Share with the group and see if you can convince them that your plan best deals with school violence while also being cautious about the rising concerns of privacy that may occur.

Things to Keep in Mind:

- You do not have to come up with an exhaustive list of features for your plan. Focus on a few things you think are most important for preventing school violence.
- You do not necessarily have to accommodate your plan to address privacy concerns, but be prepared to defend why you believe security holds more importance.