

Here are some ways you can get involved...

1. Become an individual member of Protect Minnesota. Go to protectmn.org and click on JOIN US.
2. Invite a representative from the [Coalition for Gun-Free Schools](#) to make a presentation for your school leaders, union, school board, PTA, or university administration. Contact our office for more information.
3. Arrange for Protect Minnesota to have a table at your organizational conference and enlist our help in crafting resolutions about preserving gun-free zones at schools and colleges.
5. Assist the [Coalition for Gun-Free Schools](#) in expanding our reach and relevance by connecting us with your peers in Greater Minnesota.
6. Become a Protect Minnesota volunteer. Contact the office for information.

College and university communities across the country widely oppose allowing guns on college campuses, including 95 percent of university presidents and 78 percent of undergraduate students from public midwestern universities.



Join Our Efforts to Protect Minnesota!

Go to www.protectmn.org to make a donation, sign up to join the [Coalition for Gun-Free Schools](#), make a gift, or request a speaker. You can also “like” us on Facebook and follow us on twitter @protectmn.

**PROTECT
MINNESOTA**
working together to prevent gun violence

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Educators, parents and students
working together to
PROTECT MINNESOTA
schools and colleges from gun violence.





Raise your hand for gun-free schools!

“No student shall, within the precincts of the University, keep or use weapons or arms of any kind...”

*Founding Fathers Thomas Jefferson and James Madison
University of Virginia Board of Directors, October 1824*

Since the earliest days of our nation’s history, Americans have understood that guns have no place in classrooms, schools or college campuses. A recent poll showed that even gun owners support gun-free schools by more than 2-1.

Unfortunately, in recent years gun lobby extremists have introduced legislation in more than 37 states that would prohibit colleges and universities from regulating or banning guns on campus. And in January 2017, a bill was introduced in Congress that would repeal the Federal Gun-Free School Zones Act at K-12 schools.

This dangerous movement defies common sense. Guns and schools are a lethal combination. Since the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012, there have been **220** shootings on school and college campuses in the U.S., resulting in 95 fatalities and 140 injuries. It’s terrifying to imagine how many more lives would be lost if schools and colleges were opened to guns.

Protect Minnesota’s **Coalition for Gun-Free Schools** brings together school boards, K-12 teachers, college faculty, administrators, staff members, parents, students and those who value education to work to keep guns out of schools and off college campuses in Minnesota. **We invite you to join us!**

Protect Minnesota

was founded in 1991 as a coalition of 16 statewide groups committed to working together to prevent gun violence. The Minnesota Education Association was one of our original member organizations. 26 years later, Protect Minnesota is still the **ONLY** independent, state-based gun violence prevention organization in Minnesota. We’ve created the **Coalition for Gun-Free Schools** to give a voice and a vehicle for action to the education community.

Coalition for Gun-Free Schools Goals

Preserving gun-free zones in schools and colleges

During the 2017 legislative session, a Permitless Carry bill was introduced that would have enabled anyone to carry *any* kind of gun in both public and private schools and colleges. Protect Minnesota members rallied and kept the bill from getting out of committee, but we expect similar bills to be introduced in the future.

Suicide awareness and prevention

Suicide is currently the second most common cause of death among high school and college students ages 15-24. In fact, the suicide rate for this age group has tripled within the last fifty years. The **Coalition for Gun-Free Schools** works with public health experts to prepare suicide prevention materials appropriate for these students, as well as their parents and teachers.

Gun safety awareness

The **Coalition for Gun-Free Schools** sponsors age-appropriate educational presentations for K-12 students featuring the *Student Pledge Against Gun Violence*, a national program that honors the role that young people, through their own decisions, can play in reducing gun violence.

Safe gun storage

American children are 16 times more likely to be killed in unintentional shootings than their peers in other high-income countries, and nearly 90% of unintentional firearm deaths of children occur in a home. **The Coalition for Gun-Free Schools** prepares materials to inform parents about the danger that unsecured guns represent to children and teach them to store guns safely.

