

School IDs Needed For More Student Safety

Staff Editorial

On average, more than one school shooting takes place in America each week and many result in injuries and deaths. One of the worst cases was in 2014 when 26 students and six adults were slaughtered at Sandy Hook Elementary School. How did the perpetrator gain access to a school building with a semi-automatic AR-15 and two pistols made by Glock and Sig Sauer? Simply by walking in. That is the reason why student ID badges are a necessity for schools in America.

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Student ID badges serve a variety

of purposes; they can be used to purchase lunch, to check out library books, to acquire access to school functions and events, and most importantly to identify who doesn't belong on school campus with one glance. Yet, less than 10 percent of schools in America require student identification badges as of 2018.

Feb. 14, 2018, a young man by the name of Nikolas Cruz shot and killed 17 high school students attending Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida while numerous others were seriously injured. Cruz had recently been expelled from the high school, yet, he was still able to gain entry.

If all public schools in America required student ID badges to be worn, fewer horrific, heinous acts of violence would likely be committed.

Some individuals claim that identification badges should not be required. They believe the badges infringe upon human rights by alleging that students are "labels," and should not have to be tagged like prison inmates.

However, if the ID badges would only need to be worn at school, it wouldn't necessarily infringe upon the students' rights.

If the ID's were lost or left at home, students could be able to receive sticker copies free of charge.

On the assumption that some students were to have unappealing photos on their ID's they would still have to adhere to the rules and wear the ID's while on school property. Hopefully by the new school year of 2019 every school in

America would implicate this simple safety measure. -KW

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