

Gun Policies

South Carolina gun laws: what's required, what's allowed:

Minimum age to purchase or own a handgun: 18

Age restrictions on purchasing or owning rifles: none

Federal age limit for purchasing guns: 21

To get a concealed carry permit, you must...

- be 21 years old.
- have completed a firearms training course.
- reside in the state or own property there.
- have no prior felony convictions.
- have 20/40 vision.
- have not been judged unfit to carry or possess a firearm.
- meet federal permit

State reciprocity laws consideration would cealed carry permits states in addition to t recognizes.

Gun Sales

- Sales by a gun dealer
- Weapons Permit or N check required
- Private sales: No bac required

Open carry is not allowed without a permit. Co carrying without a p forbidden.

Concealed carriers m officers if they are car

Guns are not allowed grounds unless...

-the school has given sion.

-the owner has a con mit and the weapon i an attended or locked

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Schools with guns

Schools that have allowed those who carry firearms on to school property:

Teachers permitted to bring guns on K-12 campuses, on a case-by-case basis as of 2013:

- Alabama
- California
- Connecticut
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Kentucky
- Massachusetts
- Mississippi
- Montana
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New York
- Oregon
- Rhode Island
- Texas
- Utah
- Wyoming

Additional Requirements, like law enforcement training, must be met:

- Alabama
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- Florida
- Georgia
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada



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ought to myself, if there ow, where would I hide? is hallway," she said, "and ared me," said Harrison.

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there, and there hasn't really been any reason for us to (perform a drill). I mean, we've had a couple of bomb threats, but they haven't been as serious as someone threatening to blow up the school, like it's just been taken out of context - so I personally feel safe, but I know there's a lot of schools where it's bigger and a lot of kids don't know each other, and it must feel - it must be harder to feel safer in schools like that," said Harrison.

Various teachers and students have voiced their opinions on the debate of should teachers have firearms and the consequences that could follow in a need to protect both teachers and students.

"I did hear a stat the other day, the NYPD has an 18 percent success rate. Which means these people go through training and they still only hit the target 18 percent of the time. If I don't go through that training, and you hand me a gun ... how do I know I'm not gonna accidentally hit one of my own kids?" said Stratford teacher Justin Fabiano.

There are positives and negatives to having firearms in classroom as Fabiano touches on that and also how worth it it would be at the end of the day.

"Do I think it sounds good on paper? Yeah it sounds good on paper, because somebody walking into that school is gonna be like, 'Well, there's 200 teachers with guns, maybe I'm not gonna walk into that school' - but then again, if somebody wants to do it, they're gonna do it regardless of the situation. And

“ We need to make sure that we’re addressing the right problems. In order to come up with the right solutions. ”

RJ Morgan

then it becomes like, 'Well crap, what if I hit the wrong person?' How would I live with that for the rest of my life? It's like a double-edged sword," he said.

Senior Heather Boaz of Sparkman High School feels that it's not the duty of the teacher to protect as well as support their students in education and in any other aspects.

"I feel like it's not necessarily their job. Their job is to teach, it shouldn't be their job to be an armed soldier, to have to protect students. And it makes me a little uncomfortable to think that a teacher might have a gun, because students aren't the only ones that can lose their minds and can hurt people. So if a teacher happened to just snap one day, they could also injure students, possibly more easily than another student could," she said.

There are already security protocols in place in case of a shooting, but more could be done for schools. In some cases, some schools haven't performed an active shooter drill since before Parkland, leaving some schools unprepared or not as prepared as they could be.

"So all the doors are always locked - there's alarms on each door, so if someone were to go out of the door, the alarm will sound - and then we have, like lockdown drills - we had a drill in the cafeteria the other day where they showed us where we would go to hide if there were a school shooting, but we don't have any metal detectors or anything like that, but we do have a security guard, I guess," said Harrison.

On any side of the aisle, professor

of journalism at the Uni RJ Morgan believes that debate, whether it be cla tion, should be based on firearm.

"We need to make dressing the right probl up with the right solutio is a problem, but are we problem... should we b to keep the weapons ou should we be more focu out why people want to that. Across the politica could all probably come of let's solve the problen kill people," said Morga

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"I would hope stud to lobby for stronger gu to speak their minds on issues. I think the young to be the one to fix, bec hasn't happened after C Sandy Hook, then I don are able to vote and the legislation are going to b needs to come from the this..." Everett Vereen, C more