

“Class I would like your attention. There has been another school shooting.” With all the violence and prejudice going on today, are schools any safer than they were years ago? The answer is yes, schools are safer now. Schools now are better prepared with drills and experienced counselors. They also have a no drug policy which is safer by far, and if that wasn’t enough, the schools also have a no weapons policy and less risk of fights.

To begin, the school system, Jefferson County School System, has taken steps to prevent gun and other crimes before they happen. Jefferson County has placed teachers and counselors in place to resolve problems before they spread and cause a disruption. They have strict policies of prejudice, which is the reason behind most gun crimes. Jefferson also has a back up plan, a drill called “lock down” so that if it comes to a crime the students and staff will be safe and backed away from harm.

Also, school systems have adopted a no tolerance policy for weapons. The punishment for bringing a fire arm or other weapons is severe. There are also greater repercussions for fights so there are very few. The school talks with and depends on fellow students to seed out a problem and seek help. They’re for “nipping problems in the bud”.

Thirdly, all schools now have a no drug tolerance policy. This limits students from what they can take in school. Our parents could smoke in school, but tobacco is a killer and causes cancer, so just by taking it out of the school hundreds of lives have been saved. Also, fewer students are intoxicated into thinking that it’s okay to commit a crime.

In conclusion, the answer to the question, “Are schools safer now than years ago?” the answer is an absolutely yes. Schools have eliminated the main causes of crime and vetoed it with a no drug, no weapons policy, and have stopped problems before they get out of hand by placing the proper officials and knowledge in schools. Schools are doing a wonderful job of keeping school safe as anyone can now see, but what are you doing to help keep the world safe?