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Don't End This Program That Supports Students

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On April 15, another school shooting [rocked](#) Texas; four students were wounded before the seventeen-year-old shooter surrendered. Shockingly, the shooting occurred at the same Dallas high school where a student was shot in the leg by another student a year earlier.

According to the [K-12 School Shootings Database](#), ninety-five school shootings have already occurred so far in 2025, through May 13. While still far too many, this number, representing half a school year, is on trend to be lower than in recent years, which saw more than 250 incidents annually.

One factor contributing to this decline might be a law passed by Congress in 2022 in response to the Uvalde, Texas, school shooting. The [Bipartisan Safer Communities Act](#) invested in school safety, including grants to help schools hire mental health care providers who support student well-being. A 2024 [report](#) from the Center for American Progress credited “new gun laws and accountability measures” included in the act as one reason for a decline in the summer surge in gun violence rates.