

# Schools Under Siege: Accelerationist Violence at Educational Sites in the United States

The intersection of militant accelerationism and school-based targeted violence in the United States, January 1, 2015 to February 28, 2026.

**8x**

Surge in plots and attacks targeting schools since 2023

**16**

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Mean perpetrator age — nearly 7 years younger than the movement average

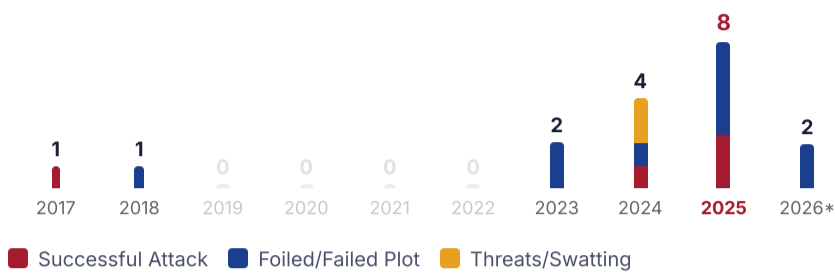
**67%**

Of perpetrators in plots targeting schools were minors

**31%**

Of all movement injuries occurred in school attacks

## LOTS & ATTACKS TARGETING SCHOOLS BY YEAR



\* 2026 data covers January 1 – February 28, 2026 only (partial year).

Between 2019 and 2022, there were **no** accelerationist plots or attacks targeting schools in the United States. Since 2023, the US has averaged **~5 violent accelerationist plots per year** targeting schools.

**7**

Victim fatalities in school attacks

**28**

Victims injured in school attacks

**4**

Attackers died by suicide at scene

## PERPETRATOR AGE PROFILE

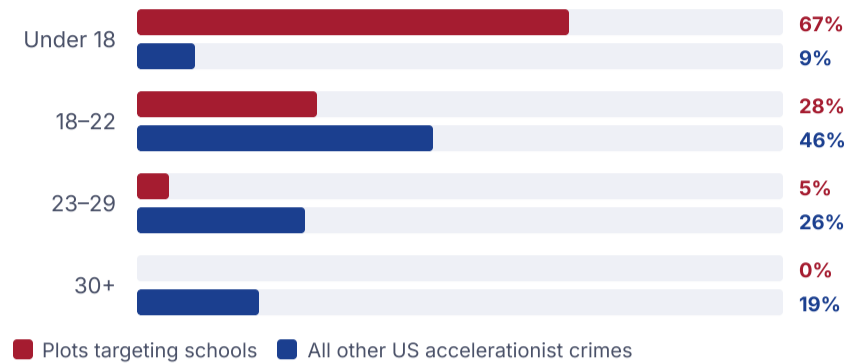
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Mean age across plots targeting schools

**23.8**

Mean age across all US accelerationist crimes

### AGE DISTRIBUTION — PLOTS TARGETING SCHOOLS VS. ALL OTHER US ACCELERATIONIST CRIMES



Youngest perpetrator recorded: 13 years old. No perpetrator in a plot targeting a school was 30 or older. Among post-2023 cases, **75% of perpetrators were minors** (12 of 16).

## THE ONLINE-TO-OFFLINE PIPELINE

The perpetrators who targeted schools were often involved in the same online spaces, such as gaming platforms, group chats, gore sites, and fringe corners of the True Crime Community on Discord, Telegram, TikTok, and Tumblr. While they inspired and encouraged each other to act, their mobilization to violence occurred without formal group membership.

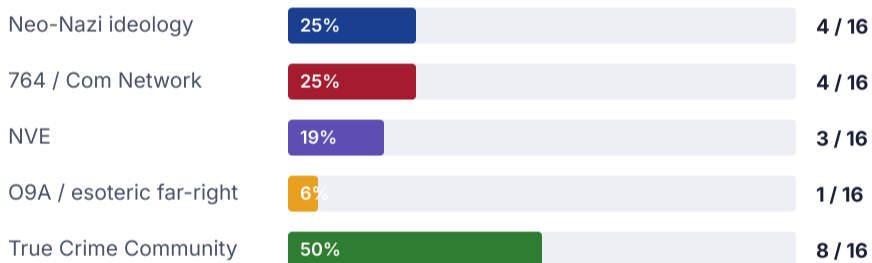


## KEY CHARACTERISTICS OF PLOTS & ATTACKS TARGETING SCHOOLS

**50%** Of perpetrators targeting schools after 2023 had documented ties to the **True Crime Community (TCC)** vs. just 4.3% across all other US accelerationist crimes. Perpetrators who targeted schools were **11 times more likely** to be TCC-connected.

### IDEOLOGICAL PROFILE (SCHOOL PLOTS & ATTACKS SINCE 2023, N=16)

NVE and Neo-Nazi labels applied where authorities used those designations.



Categories are not mutually exclusive. **5 of 16 cases (31%) span multiple categories** — three as NVE + TCC, two as 764/Com Network + NVE + TCC (MKU and NLM are treated as part of the 764/Com network) — reflecting perpetrators who moved through online true crime pipelines into organized accelerationist networks.

### THE ABUNDANT LIFE CONNECTION

The December 2024 Abundant Life Christian School attack has influenced several subsequent perpetrators who targeted schools. The perpetrators of the three successful attacks targeting schools since the Abundant Life attack explicitly invoked the Abundant Life perpetrator before their attacks:

- Jan 2025 Nashville**: A perpetrator, 17, posed like the Abundant Life perpetrator in photos, made a TikTok celebrating her, wrote her name on his weapons, and called her a "saint." He killed 1 and injured 2 at Antioch High School before dying by suicide.
- Aug 2025 Minneapolis**: A perpetrator, 23, wrote the Abundant Life perpetrator's name on weapons alongside other TCC-glorified mass killers. He killed 2 and injured 21 at Annunciation Catholic School before dying by suicide.
- Sep 2025 Evergreen**: A perpetrator, 16, idolized the Abundant Life perpetrator online and replicated her poses in photos before attacking Evergreen High School. He injured 2 before dying by suicide.
- Nov 2025 Kenosha**: A 15-year-old in Kenosha, WI, was arrested for planning a school attack to occur on the anniversary of the Abundant Life attack.

## POST-2023 SCHOOL INCIDENTS AT A GLANCE

EVENT TYPE	LOCATION	AGE	MOTIVATION
PLOT	South Portland, ME (Apr 12, 2023)	Age: 17	Neo-Nazi
PLOT	Burleson, TX (Apr 18, 2023)	Age: 13	Neo-Nazi
THREAT	Lancaster, CA (Jan 18, 2024)	Age: 18	O9A
THREAT	Vernon, CT (Sep 27, 2024)	Age: 17	764
ATTACK	Madison, WI (Dec 16, 2024) ★	Age: 15	NVE TCC
PLOT	Big Rock, TN (Dec 18, 2024)	Age: 18	TCC
ATTACK	Nashville, TN (Jan 22, 2025) ★	Age: 17	764 TCC MKU
PLOT	Mooreville, IN (Feb 13, 2025)	Age: 18	TCC

EVENT TYPE	LOCATION	AGE	MOTIVATION
PLOT	Glendale, AZ (Apr 15, 2025)	Age: 14	TCC
PLOT	San Antonio, TX (May 12, 2025)	Age: 13	Neo-Nazi
PLOT	Athens, AL (Jun 1, 2025)	Age: 17	764 MKU NLM
ATTACK	Minneapolis, MN (Aug 27, 2025) ★	Age: 23	NVE TCC
ATTACK	Evergreen, CO (Sep 10, 2025) ★	Age: 16	NVE TCC
PLOT	Kenosha, WI (Nov 26, 2025)	Age: 15	TCC
PLOT	Fort Worth, TX (Jan 8, 2026)	Age: 17	MKU
PLOT	Mesa, AZ (Feb 19, 2026)	Age: 15	Neo-Nazi

★ Resulted in casualties. TCC = True Crime Community connection documented. NVE = Nihilistic Violent Extremist (designation used by law enforcement). MKU = Maniac Murder Cult. NLM = No Lives Matter. O9A = Order of Nine Angles. Neo-Nazi = evidence of Neo-Nazi beliefs without a specific group affiliation.

## KEY TAKEAWAYS

### The Perpetrators Are Young

The average accelerationist perpetrator targeting schools was **16.9 years old** — nearly 7 years younger than the movement average. Three-quarters of post-2023 perpetrators were minors. The youngest recorded was 13.

### TCC and Online Radicalization

Perpetrators are radicalized online through gore sites, fringe True Crime Communities, and 764/Com network channels without ever joining an organization. Perpetrators in plots targeting schools were **11 times more likely to have TCC connections** than other US accelerationist actors.

### Schools Are Uniquely High-Risk Targets

**31%** of all injuries in US accelerationist crimes — 28 of 90 total — occurred in school attacks, even though plots targeting schools represent only **9%** of all US accelerationist crimes. The concentration of harm, combined with evidence of contagion among perpetrators referencing prior attacks, signals a threat trajectory that demands a focus on prevention.