

Student activist Ravyn
Anderson '18 participates in a
moment of silence. "This was
important to me because it
gave the victims of gun
violence a voice," Anderson
said.

On March 14th, 2018, Abraham Lincoln High School students walked out of class at 10:00 am. Students gathered at the track where they stood for 17 minutes in silent protest for stricter gun control in honor of the victims in Parkland, Florida.

Activists Walk Out in Protest for Stricter Gun Control



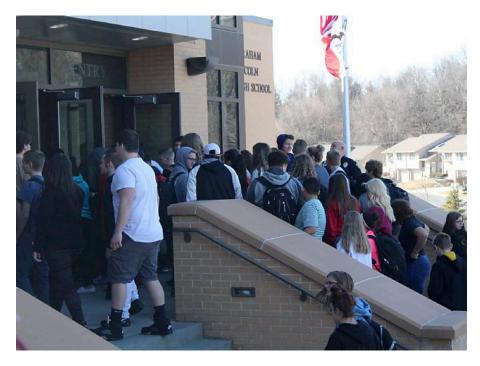
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Jacob Braddy '20 walked out in protest. "School shootings are becoming more common. We need a change, and a change starts when we come together," Braddy said.



Walking out for a cause, Joel Dixon-Clark '18 stands in protest. "The walkout, for me, was to show respect to the lives lost and impacted in Florida," Dixon-Clark said.





Standing beside Sam Harrod '21, Justin Aistrope '21 walks out to honor the Florida victims. "This was important to me as an ROTC member. During the shooting in Florida, a ROTC student lost his life to save his classmates," Aistrope said.

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Pictured Stella Knauss and Jessica Dix



Arlette Milstead '20, Jacob Christensen '19, and Bailey Peabody '20 stand in silent protest. "I walked out to make a statement for not only the Florida victims but for all victims," Peabody said.





Jakob Hatcher '20 bows his head in respect for the 17 victims in Florida."The walkout was for them and to prevent further acts of gun violence," Hatcher said.

Pictured David Cano, Ethan Jensen, Ravyn Anderson, and Jeanette Juarez

Standing beside fellow protesters, Ethan Jensen '19 protests in favor of stricter gun laws. "The walkout was an important step for the youth to speak up and get their opinions out. Arguing on Twitter doesn't achieve much at all. Turning it into a real, tangible protest is the way to go in order to secure a safer future for the American youth," Jensen said.

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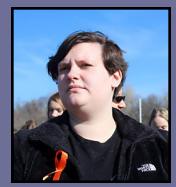
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What action needs to be taken?



"Teens right out of high school shouldn't be able to purchase assault rifles or any sort of gun at all," Hannah Wilson '18 said.



"I think stricter background checks need to be put in place. It also needs to be more difficult to purchase guns," Connor Garges '18 said.



"I like the idea of deeper background checks and raising the age for when you can buy guns," Rylee Fichter '18 said.

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