

FOR FAMILIES

A solid door, locked, with everyone inside safe.

That is the safest place a student can be if something goes wrong at school. The question is whether our classroom doors are actually locked when it matters.

"Are our classroom doors locked right now, and how do you know?"

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classroom locks defeated across 62 K-12 attacks since Columbine. Every breach of a locked door went through glass.

62%

of the classroom doors attackers encountered were unlocked or propped open (ALERTT, Texas State University, 2026).

>80%

of students, parents and staff rate interior door locks both effective and comfortable (Byrd et al., 2025).

The gap

In most schools, a classroom door is locked only if a teacher remembers to lock it, every period, every day, and nobody props it open for a student who is running late. Investigators keep finding the same thing: the hardware was there, but the door was not locked when it mattered.

One fix

ClassLock keeps classroom doors locked from the hallway side all day. Students and teachers tap the school ID badge they already carry, and the door opens only for the people scheduled to be in that room. Inside, the handle always opens the door. One button locks every door at once. No cameras, no metal detectors, no AI.

What we are asking for

A ten-door pilot in one wing this school year.

About \$28,000 in year one as a planning figure, before any grant. Installed by a local contractor in a few days, inspected by the fire marshal, then tested in a lockdown drill with a door-by-door report the board and families can see.

Who pays

Most states now fund school safety per student or per campus, and federal programs name door locks as eligible. Grant writers can apply for the district at no upfront cost. The full list: getclasslock.com/funding.html.

How you can help

- Ask the question above at school.
- Bring this page to your PTA or PTO.
- Speak for two minutes at a school board meeting.

TEMPLATES

Copy, fill in the highlighted parts, send.

Keep it calm and about the system, not the teachers. Editable copies of every template are on getclasslock.com/champion.html.

1. Email to the principal

Subject: A question about our classroom doors

Dear **Principal name**,

I am the parent of **student name** in **grade**. Thank you for everything the staff does to keep our kids safe. I have one question: are our classroom doors locked during class, and how does the school know they are?

I ask because investigations of school attacks keep finding classroom doors that were unlocked or propped open, even where good locks were installed. Some districts now keep classroom doors locked by default and open them with the student ID badge, so nobody has to remember. I would like to ask whether our school would consider a small pilot in one wing, funded through the state and federal school-safety programs that already cover door locks.

I would be glad to meet, and I have a two-page board brief I can share. Thank you for considering it.

Your name, phone, email

2. Two minutes at a school board meeting

Good evening. My name is **name**, and I have **number** children at **school**.

I want to ask one question: are our classroom doors locked right now, and how do we know? A solid, locked classroom door is the safest place a student can be. But investigations of school attacks keep finding doors that were unlocked or propped open when it mattered, because locking them depends on someone remembering every period of every day.

There are now systems that keep classroom doors locked by default and open them with the student ID badge, with no cameras and no metal detectors. State and federal school-safety programs name door locks as eligible for funding.

I am asking the board to direct staff to look at a ten-door pilot in one wing this year and report back with the results of a lockdown drill. Thank you.

Most boards require you to sign up for public comment before the meeting and limit speakers to two or three minutes. Check your district's website for the rules.

3. PTA or PTO letter of support

To the **district name** Board of Education:

At its **date** meeting, the **school** PTA/PTO voted to support a pilot of locked-by-default classroom doors in one wing of our school. Families want every classroom to be a place where students are safe behind a locked door, without relying on anyone to remember to lock it, and without cameras or metal detectors.

We ask the district to evaluate a ten-door pilot this school year, to apply for the state and federal school-safety funding that covers classroom door locks, and to share the results of the pilot's lockdown drill and climate survey with families. **Optional: The PTA is prepared to contribute up to \$amount toward the project or a grant's local match, through the district's gift-acceptance process.**

Respectfully, **name, title**

Before a PTA raises money

- Talk to the district first. Doors are district property; gifts go through its gift-acceptance and purchasing process, and the district picks the contractor.
- The fire marshal reviews and inspects every door.
- A gift covers a one-time cost. The license renews each year: agree in writing that the district carries it after year one.
- Give to the district, earmarked for the project. ClassLock does not accept donations or run fundraising for schools.
- The most useful dollars are often a grant's local match (the federal COPS SVPP asks 25%).

4. Student council resolution

Resolution on classroom door safety

Whereas a locked classroom door is one of the safest places a student can be during an emergency;

Whereas locking a classroom door now depends on a teacher remembering to do it every period, and doors are often propped open for students who are running late;

Whereas students have said they feel comfortable with locked classroom doors, and uncomfortable with metal detectors and surveillance cameras;

Therefore, the **school** Student Council asks the school and district to pilot classroom doors that stay locked during class and open with our student ID badges, without adding cameras or metal detectors, and to include students in measuring how safe and comfortable school feels before and after.

Adopted **date**. Vote: **yes / no / abstain**

Students: other ways to help

- Speak at public comment at a board meeting. Talk about how a lockdown drill feels and what would make the room feel safe.
- Help write and share the before-and-after climate survey that comes with every pilot.
- Write about it in the school paper.
- Want to raise money? Do it through your PTA, PTO or school foundation, with an adult sponsor and the district's approval. Nobody should feel pressured to pay for their own safety.

Need help? Request the champion kit at getclasslock.com/contact.html. We will send your school the board brief, the funding programs for your state and a pilot outline, and take a call if the school wants one.