



School Records Paint Disturbing Picture Of Orlando Shooter

Omar Mateen's elementary and middle school records paint the Orlando nightclub shooter as [a disruptive student who struggled with English](#).

His behavior — marked by constant outbursts and classroom insubordination — greatly contributed to his academic struggles, according to the documents.

"The main factor prohibiting Omar from success in school is not that the work is too hard but rather his difficulties in conforming to class/school rules," according to a letter sent to Mateen's father shortly before he withdrew from St. Lucie County's Southport Middle School in 1999.

Mateen, who on Sunday killed 49 people and injured 53 at an Orlando nightclub, bounced around St. Lucie County campuses from kindergarten until 1999, when he transferred to the Martin County Schools District in eighth grade.

Mateen Disciplined 31 Times As A Youngster

He was disciplined 31 times between 1992 and 1999 for numerous disruptions, for striking a student and for disrespectful behavior during his time in St. Lucie County schools, according to documents obtained exclusively by TCPalm.com.

More than half of his discipline write-ups came during the 1996-1997 school year, when he was in fifth

grade.

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