

Suspensions and Expulsions of Students with Disabilities in Public Schools



U.S. Department of Education
Office for Civil Rights

2017-18 Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC)

The Civil Rights Data Collection gathers and publishes key information about student access to educational opportunities and school climate from public schools (pre-K through 12th grade) in all 50 states, D.C., and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

2017-18 OVERVIEW OF STUDENT DISCIPLINE K-GRADE 12

Students with disabilities include students served under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and students served only under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504).

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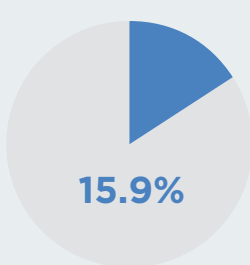
OVERALL STUDENT ENROLLMENT

8,108,190

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES,
6,728,046 SERVED UNDER
IDEA AND 1,380,144 SERVED
UNDER SECTION 504

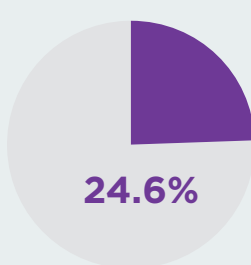
3,145,559

MISSED DAYS OF SCHOOL BY
STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
DUE TO OUT-OF-SCHOOL
SUSPENSIONS



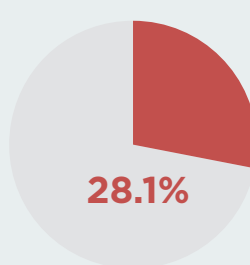
Enrollment of Students with Disabilities

N=8,108,190



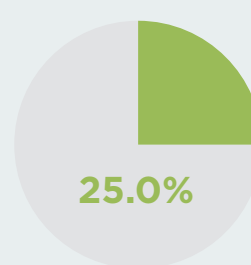
In-School Suspensions of Students with Disabilities

N=645,987



Out-of-School Suspensions of Students with Disabilities

N=704,523



Expulsions of Students with Disabilities

N=25,414

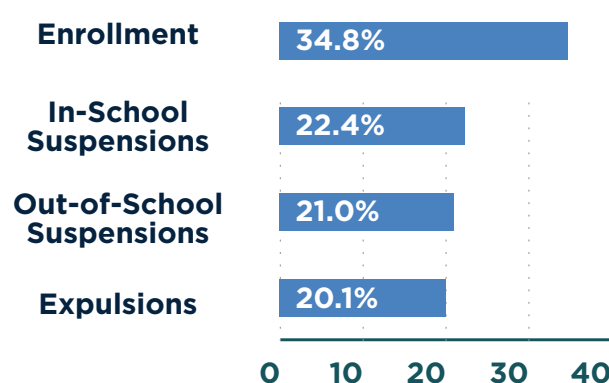
STUDENT DISCIPLINE BY DISABILITY AND SEX

Boys with disabilities served under IDEA and Section 504 were disproportionately represented in student discipline, receiving suspensions and expulsions that were **greater than their share of total enrollment** for students with disabilities.

Boys with Disabilities

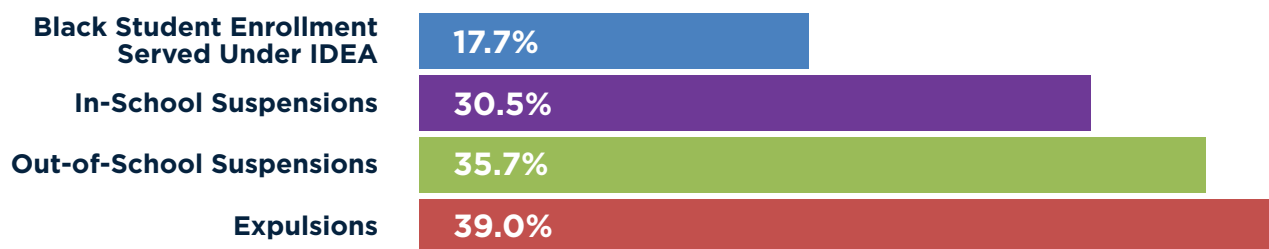


Girls with Disabilities



STUDENT DISCIPLINE BY DISABILITY & RACE/ETHNICITY

Black students were the only race/ethnicity of students with disabilities served under IDEA whose boys and girls were both **disproportionately represented** in suspensions and expulsions.



In addition to Black boys and girls, **American Indian or Alaska Native boys and multiracial boys** also received suspensions and expulsions that exceeded their share of enrollment among students with disabilities.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, 2017-18 Civil Rights Data Collection, released October 2020, updated May 2021, available at <https://ocrdata.ed.gov>.



More information on students with disabilities and other civil rights data is available at <https://ocrdata.ed.gov>. The entire *Focus on Student Discipline* series can be found at <https://ocrdata.ed.gov/resources/datareports>.



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