The overwhelming majority of DC students did not incur any disciplinary actions during the 2018-19 school year. 99.9% of students did not receive an expulsion. 99% of students did not receive an in-school suspension. 93.8% of students did not receive an out-of-school suspension.

The overall rate and number of disciplinary incidents - suspensions and expulsions - is trending down. The number of students receiving an out-of-school suspension has displayed a steady decrease as expected with the implementation of the Student Fair Access to School Act (2018).

HOWEVER:

Black or African American students, students who are at risk, students with disabilities, male students, and middle school students were disproportionately suspended and expelled in each of the last four school years. Middle grades are concerning. Students in grades six through nine represented 53.6% of all disciplinary incidents, including:

- 65.0% Expulsions
- 54.0% Out-of-School Suspensions, and
- 47.5% In-School Suspensions

Disruptive/reckless behavior and fighting are the most frequent reasons for disciplinary actions, accounting for more than 59% of all disciplinary incidents, including:

- 27% Expulsions
- 60% Out-of-School Suspensions, and
- 56% In-School Suspensions

WHAT’S NEXT?

- We encourage you to read the full 2018-19 Discipline Report here: osse.dc.gov/page/discipline-report
- Please visit DCSchoolReportCard.org to see school- and LEA-level discipline data.
- Learn more about the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) here: bit.ly/3daGGeq
- Learn about OSSE professional development that supports discipline practices here: bit.ly/2Wjcwzk
- Subscribe to the OSSE Professional Development newsletter to learn about upcoming opportunities here: bit.ly/2m3P5Ks