



Student Safety Act Reporting on Suspensions 2015-2016 School Year

- 37,647 total suspensions**
[15.6% decrease from 2014-15]
- 72.0% short-term (principal) suspensions (27,122)
[19.6% decrease from 2014-15]
- 28.0% long-term (superintendent) suspensions (10,525)
[3.2% decrease from 2014-15]
- 49.6% suspensions of Black students
- 36.8% suspensions of Latino students
- 8.0% suspensions of white students
- 5.6% suspensions of students of another race
- 38.6% suspensions of students with an IEP
- 9.3% suspensions of English language learners
- 801 suspensions of grades K-2

DOE Enrollment (Oct. 31, 2015)

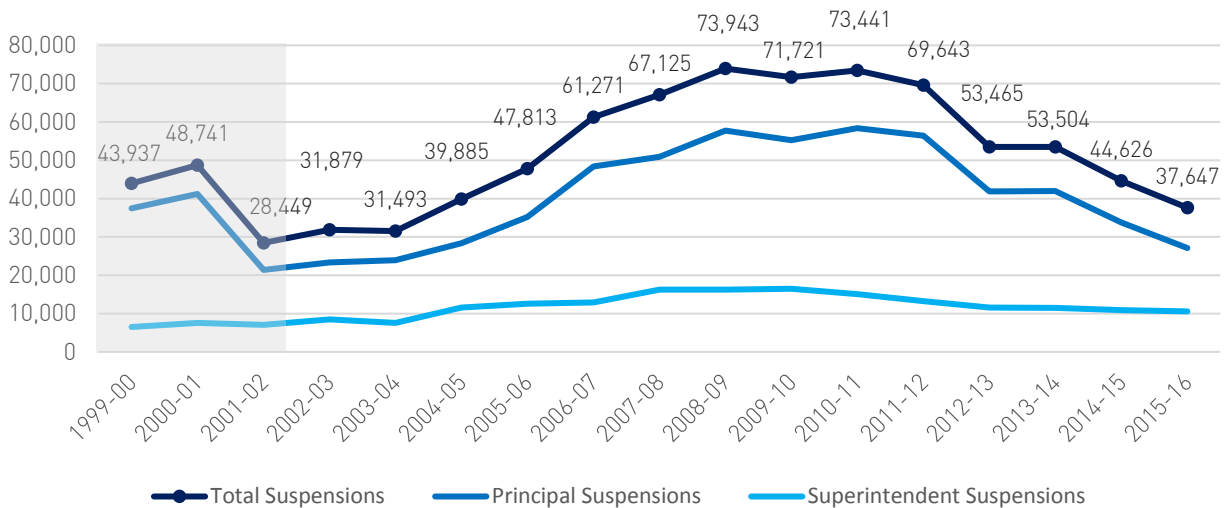
K-12 student population: 1,062,116

- 27.1% Black
- 40.5% Latino
- 14.8% white
- 15.5% Asian

- 18.7% students with an IEP
- 12.5% English language learners

Source: DOE demographic snapshot

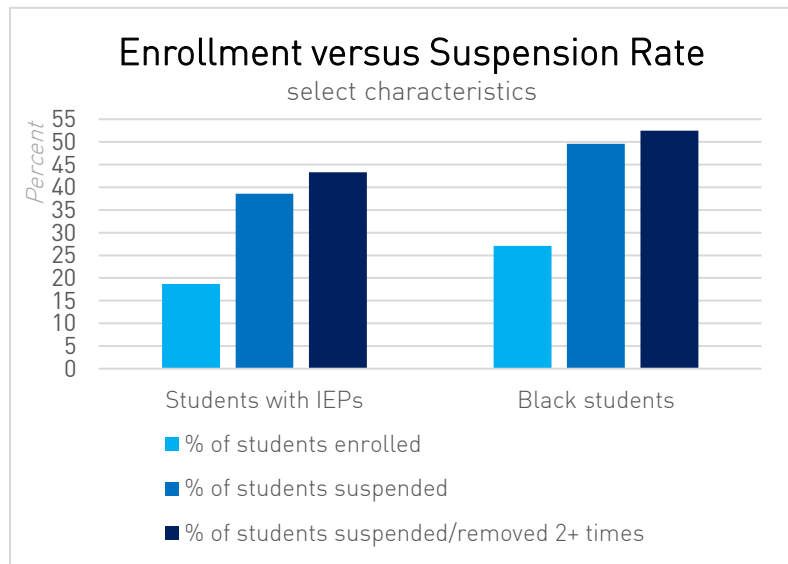
Student Suspensions by Year 1999-2016



Shaded grey area represents years prior to mayoral control.

9,139 students had two or more suspensions or removals

- 52.5% Black students
- 35.3% Latino students
- 7.5% white students
- 4.6% students of another race
- 43.3% students with an IEP
- 8.5% English language learners



11,943 total removals

Pursuant to New York City DOE rules, teachers can remove a child from a classroom for up to four days. Classroom removals can be an important cooling off period for students and adults, but they can also be abused as suspensions without process. It is important for the City to look more closely at these numbers, as they are on the rise.

Most Frequently Suspended Infractions

Serious infractions, for which the DOE requires a school to suspend, account for less than 15 percent of suspensions reported for the 2015-2016 school year. This means that, according to DOE disciplinary guidelines, over 85 percent of the infractions for which suspensions were issued could have been dealt with in other ways that involve less missed class days, including parent conference, detention or removal from the classroom.

Infractions with the most suspensions, Grades 6-12

# Of Suspensions	Infraction
8,742	B36 Altercation and/or Physically Aggressive Behavior
5,158*	B24 Minor Altercation (previously "Horseplay")
2,471	B39 Intimidating or Bullying Behavior
2,340	B37 Coercion/Threats
1,835	B58 Weapon Possession (other than firearm)

* Number of superintendent suspensions was redacted so this is an underestimate.

Infractions with the most suspensions, Grades K-5

# Of Suspensions	Infraction
1,171	A33 Altercation and/or Physically Aggressive Behavior
381	A43 Reckless Behavior with Substantial Risk of Serious Injury
326	A24 Minor Altercation
288	A34 Coercion/Threats
216	A56 Weapon Possession (other than firearm)