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2016-2017 School Year

## 35,234

short-term (principal) suspensions $(25,696)$ [5.3\% decrease from 2015-16]
27.1\% long-term (superintendent) suspensions $(9,538)$ [9.4\% decrease from 2015-16]
46.9\% suspensions of Black students
$38.6 \%$ suspensions of Latino students
8.1\% suspensions of white students
6.4\% suspensions of students of another race
$38.9 \%$ suspensions of students with an IEP
10.5\% suspensions of English language learners
suspensions of grades K-2

DOE Enrollment
(Oct. 31, 2016)

K-12 student population: 1,068,679
26.5\% Black
40.4\% Latino
14.9\% white
15.8\% Asian
19.4\% students with an IEP
13.4\% English language learners

Source: DOE demographic snapshot

Student Suspensions by Year
1999-2017


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## 8,600 students had two or more suspensions or removals

[5.9\% decrease from 2015-16]
49.9\% Black students
37.7\% Latino students
7.7\% white students
4.7\% students of another race
44.5\% students with an IEP
9.7\% English language learners

## 11,337 total removals

[5.1\% decrease from 2015-16]
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.

## 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 2016-2017 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 |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 8,462 | B36 | Altercation and/or Physically Aggressive Behavior |
| 4,944 | B24 | Minor Altercation (previously "Horseplay") |
| 2,446 | B37 | Coercion/Threats |
| 1,869 | B39 | Intimidating or Bullying Behavior |
| 1,609 | B58 | Weapon Possession (other than firearm) |

Infractions with the most suspensions, Grades K-5

| \# Of Suspensions | Infraction |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 956 | A33 | Altercation and/or Physically Aggressive Behavior |
| 277 | A24 | Minor Altercation |
| 274 | A34 | Coercion/Threats |
| 224 | A56 | Weapon Possession (other than firearm) |
| 201 | A43 | Reckless Behavior with Substantial Risk of Serious Injury |


[^0]:    Shaded grey area represents years prior to mayoral control.

