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*Annual Report of Suspensions & Expulsions*

*Annual Report on the Use of Corporal Punishment*

*Annual Report on Reassignments for Disciplinary  
Reasons*

*Annual Report on Alternative Learning Placements*

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## **Background**

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This consolidated report includes the annual reports on School Crime and Violence, Suspensions and Expulsions, Alternative Learning Program (ALP) Enrollments, Reassignments for Disciplinary Purposes, Uses of Corporal Punishment, and Dropout Counts and Rates. This report may be found online with historical data and other additional data tables at <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/dropout-and-discipline-data/discipline-alp-and-dropout-annual-reports>.

G.S. 115C-12(27) requires the State Board of Education to report annually on dropout events and rates, suspensions and expulsions, reassignments for disciplinary purposes, uses of corporal punishment, and alternative learning program enrollments. The requirement to report annually on school crime and violence comes from G.S. 115C-12(21).

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## INTRODUCTION

For learning to occur in a classroom, students need to be engaged and know that they are safe and supported by the adults in their school building. School leaders must be intentional about creating safe and supportive schools and ensuring students are engaged in their own personalized learning journey. From the teacher who manages a classroom, to the school board members who approve the official Codes of Conduct, to all families who desire to have their students engaged in class and learning at the highest levels every day, every member of a school community must believe that school discipline is simply a means to an end and that the schools to which our students attend are deserving of them. School discipline should not be viewed as a way to manage students and deliver a punishment, but instead a chance to grow students in reinforcing expectations. If a school community has intentionally set the expectation that certain behaviors are not in alignment with a positive school culture, students will strive to meet the high expectations that the adults in their lives have set for them.

While this consolidated data report does not offer recommended actions for schools to improve school and community culture, this report does offer subgroup-specific data and opportunities for comparative analysis in student discipline and dropout outcomes. The greatest value of this report is not just the final numbers, but to show which schools and districts have reported improvements in making schools safer and in keeping students engaged in their learning journey.

This report will begin with general findings before providing specific data per section: school crime and violence, suspensions and expulsions, alternative learning placements, and dropout rates. All figures are tables are labeled according to the respective sections: C for school crime and violence, S for suspensions and expulsions, R for student reassignments, A for alternative learning placements, and D for dropout rates.

In previous consolidated reports, the rates for crimes and suspensions were reported using various denominators (i.e., per 10, per 100, per 1000). In this 2018-2019 consolidated report, rates have been standardized across the crime & violence and short-term suspension reports to reflect a rate per 1000 students. Long-term suspension rates are reported per 100,000.

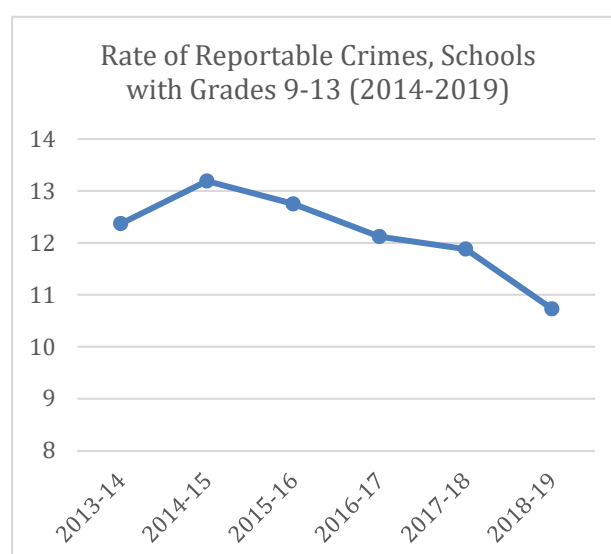
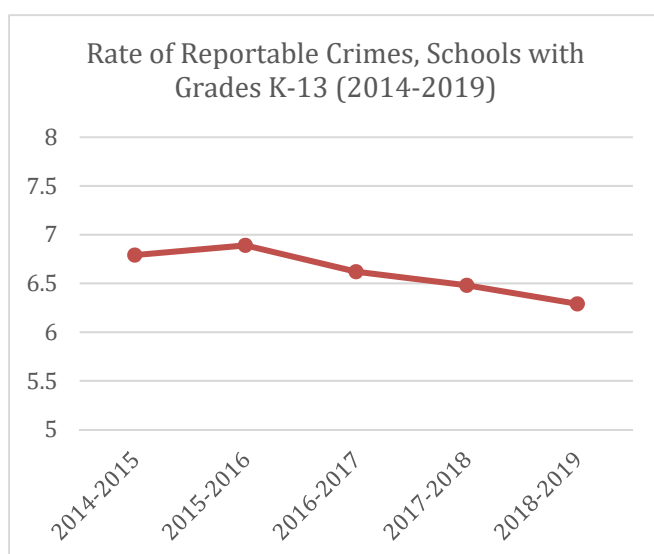
## CONSOLIDATED FINDINGS

### Statewide Trends

- ✎ The number and rate of crimes reported on North Carolina school campuses have steadily decreased over the last several years.
- ✎ Long and short-term suspension rates have declined compared to last year.
- ✎ The dropout rate has decreased for the second consecutive year.

### Reportable Crimes

- Both the number of reportable crimes at North Carolina schools and the rate of crime have steadily decreased over the last several years.



- The number of reportable crimes on high school campuses decreased by 11% from 2017-2018 to 2018-2019.
- The high school crime rate decreased 9.0%, a significant decrease from the previous year's decrease of 2%.

### Short-Term Suspensions

- In 2018-2019, there were 203,298 short-term suspensions reported statewide, a decrease of 3.8% from the 211,228 reported in the 2017-2018 academic year.
- In 2018-2019, the rate of short-term suspensions for American Indian, Black, Hispanic, and Two or More Races students decreased slightly compared to the previous academic year. The rate of short-term suspensions for Asian, White, and Pacific Islander students increased slightly compared to the previous academic year.

- In 2018-2019, black male students had the highest rate of short-term suspension, followed by American Indian males. These rates did decrease from the 2017-2018 academic year. Short-term suspension rates for Asian students – both male and female – had the greatest increase since the previous academic year.
- Ninth graders received the largest number of suspensions for the fifth year in a row, and ninth graders saw the greatest decrease in the number of short-term suspensions compared to the 2017-2018 academic year.
- In 2018-2019, the middle grades – sixth, seventh, and eighth grades – each saw an increase in the number of short-term suspensions compared to the 2017-2018 academic year.

#### Long-Term Suspensions

- In 2018-2019, 587 long-term suspensions were reported, a 12.77% decrease from the 673 long-term suspensions reported in 2017-2018, and a 15.5% decrease from the 2016-2017 academic year.
- It is important to note that because some students received more than one long-term suspension, the 587 long-term suspensions reported in 2018-2019 were assigned to 575 individual students for an average of 72.97 days of school missed. Overall, 42,833 days of school were missed throughout the state due to long-term suspensions in the 2018-2019 academic year.
- High school students received 326 long-term suspensions, a 22% decrease from the 419 recorded in 2017-2018 and a 28.8% decrease from the 458 recorded in the 2016-2017 academic year.

#### Expulsions

- In 2018-2019, there were 23 expulsions in North Carolina schools, an increase of one from the 2017-18 academic year.

#### Corporal Punishment

- In the 2018-2019 academic year, zero school districts reported the use of corporal punishment.
- The zero reported in 2018-2019 should be compared to the 2017-2018 academic year: two LEAs employed corporal punishment for a total of 60 uses, 15 less than the 75 reported uses in the 2016-2017 academic year.

#### Alternative Schools and Programs

- In 2018-19, North Carolina public schools assigned 238,697 in-school suspensions of a half day or more to 119,323 students. This is a 0.24% increase over the 238,115 in-school suspensions reported in 2017-18. In addition, 28,379 partial day in-school



suspensions were assigned to 18,363 students; this is a 3.8% decrease from the 29,494 partial day suspensions assigned in 2017-18.

- Students spent a total of 355,138 days in in-school suspension. The average length of an in-school suspension was 1.49 days, down 0.67% from the average length of 1.50 days in 2017-18.
- Black students received the most in-school suspensions, followed by white students and Hispanic students. Seventh graders received the most in-school suspensions (37,949), followed by ninth graders (35,912) and sixth graders (35,045).
- In 2018-19, schools reported 4,357 assignments of students to ALPSs for disciplinary reasons. Black students were assigned to ALPs for disciplinary reasons the most often, followed by white students and Hispanic students. Ninth graders were most often assigned to ALPSs for disciplinary reasons, followed by seventh graders and eighth graders. Of the 4,354 ALP assignments for disciplinary reasons, 990 involved students with disabilities.
- There were 11,292 unique/individual students placed in ALPSs over the course of the 2018-19 school year, a decrease of 0.26% from 2017-18. Only 17% of the placements were for the entire school year. About 57% of the placements were for one semester or less.
- More males were placed in alternative learning programs and schools than females, and black students were placed more frequently than other ethnic groups. For the 2018-19 school year, black and American Indian students were placed at the highest rate (14.5 and 14.4% respectively, as measured by placements per 1000 students), followed by multiracial students. The grade level most frequently placed was ninth.

### Dropouts

- The North Carolina high school dropout rate for the 2018-2019 academic year decreased to 2.01% from the 2017-2018 dropout rate of 2.18% in 2017-18. Grades 9-13 reported 9,512 dropouts in 2018-2019, a decrease of 9.6% (n=1,011) from the total of 10,523 reported in 2017-2018.
- Over half of LEAs (51.5%) witnessed a decrease in their high school dropout rates from the previous academic year.
- Dropout rates for all race/ethnic groups – except American Indian students and Pacific Islander females – decreased from the 2017-2018 academic year. The dropout rate for Pacific Islander females increased 38.4%, the greatest percentage increase of all race/ethnic groups. Relatedly, the greatest decrease (28.5%) in the dropout rate was reported for Pacific Islander males.

- Attendance issues were again cited most frequently as the main reason for a student dropping out, accounting for over half (45.7%) of all dropouts. The second and third most widely reported dropout reason codes were “unknown” at 9.3% and “lack of engagement with school and/or peers” at 8.95%.

#### Three-Year Trends in All Annual Reports

- The LEAs that have witnessed a three-year decrease in the rate of crime, short-term suspensions, and dropouts are Jackson County, Stokes County, Hickory City, Edenton/Chowan, and Macon County. Each of these LEAs had an average decrease (in crime rate, short-term suspensions, and dropout rate) of at least 50%.
- The LEAs that have witnessed a three-year increase in the rate of crime, short-term suspensions, and dropouts are Avery County, Bertie County, Newton Conover City, Henderson County, Asheboro City, and Swain County.

# 2018-2019 SCHOOL CRIME AND VIOLENCE

## Introduction

In 1993, the General Assembly passed the Safe Schools Act requiring Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to report specified acts of crime and violence to the State Board of Education (SBE). General Statute 115C-288(g) describes the school principal's responsibility "to report certain acts to law enforcement" and lists crimes that are required to be reported.

GS 115C-12(21) requires the SBE "to compile an annual report on acts of violence in the public schools." The SBE has defined 16 criminal acts that are to be included in its annual report. Nine of the 16 are considered dangerous and violent.

These nine dangerous and violent acts and their reference codes are:

- Homicide (D)
- Assault resulting in serious bodily injury (AR)
- Assault involving the use of a weapon (AW)
- Rape (R)
- Sexual offense (SO)
- Sexual assault (SA)
- Kidnapping (K)
- Robbery with a dangerous weapon (RW)
- Taking indecent liberties with a minor (IM)

Schools that report at least two violent acts and five or more violent acts per thousand students in two consecutive years and where "conditions that contributed to the commission of those offenses are likely to continue into another school year" may be deemed Persistently Dangerous Schools (SBE Policy SSCH-006) by the SBE. No schools have ever been designated as Persistently Dangerous by the SBE.

The other seven acts and their reference codes included in this report are:

- Assault on school personnel (AP)
- Bomb threat (BT)
- Burning of a school building (BS)
- Possession of alcoholic beverage (PA)
- Possession of a firearm or powerful explosive (PF)
- Possession of a weapon (PW)

All crimes occurring on school campuses and other facilities used by schools must be reported and are included in this report, regardless of whether the crimes were committed by students or staff. Crimes occurring on a school supervised field trip must also be reported.

The data used in this annual report were largely collected in the PowerSchool Incident Management Module. Schools initially entered their data in PowerSchool, and the data was

extracted to a state discipline dataset at year's end. Data consolidation and verification procedures, as well as data compellation, were handled by the Data, Research, and Federal Reporting Division of NCDPI. The report was compiled by the Office of the State Superintendent.

Additional figures and tables may be found online at <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/data-reports/discipline-alp-and-dropout-data>. Note that in previous consolidated reports, the rates for crimes and suspensions were reported using various denominators (i.e., per 10, per 100, per 1000). In this 2018-2019 consolidated report, rates have been standardized across the crime & violence and short-term suspension reports to reflect a rate per 1000 students. Long-term suspension rates are reported per 100,000.

2018-2019 SCHOOL CRIME AND VIOLENCE

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**General Findings**

Both the number and the rates of reportable crime have steadily decreased over the last five years. The tables below show the total reportable acts of crime and rate for each of the last five years using final Average Daily Membership (ADM) as the denominator.

*TABLE C1. COUNT AND RATE (PER 1,000 ENROLLED) OF REPORTED ACTS OF CRIME, GRADES K-13*

| <b>Reporting Year</b> | <b>Total Acts</b> | <b>Rate</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| <b>2014-15</b>        | 10,347            | 6.79        |
| <b>2015-16</b>        | 10,020            | 6.89        |
| <b>2016-17</b>        | 9,834             | 6.62        |
| <b>2017-18</b>        | 9,747             | 6.48        |
| <b>2018-19</b>        | 9,554             | 6.29        |

*TABLE C2. COUNT AND RATE (PER 1,000 ENROLLED) OF REPORTED ACTS OF CRIME, GRADES 9-13*

| <b>Reporting Year</b> | <b>Total Acts</b> | <b>Rate</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| <b>2013-14</b>        | 5,475             | 12.37       |
| <b>2014-15</b>        | 5,847             | 13.19       |
| <b>2015-16</b>        | 5,774             | 12.75       |
| <b>2016-17</b>        | 5,543             | 12.12       |
| <b>2017-18</b>        | 5,456             | 11.88       |
| <b>2018-19</b>        | 4,850             | 10.73       |

The rate of reported acts of crime for both grades K-13 and grades 9-13 is at its lowest in five years. Considering that most reportable crimes are at the high school level, it is important to note that the number of reportable crimes by high school students decreased 11% from 2017-2018 to 2018-2019. The rate of crime decreased 9% in the same timeframe, much stronger than the 2% decrease from the 2016-2017 academic year to the 2017-2018 academic year.

*TABLE C3. ONE YEAR PERCENT IN NUMBER OF REPORTABLE ACTS BY TYPE*

| <b>Reported Acts of Crime</b>                                   | <b>Number of Acts 2017-2018</b> | <b>Number of Acts 2018-2019</b> | <b>% Change</b> |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Possession of a Controlled Substance in Violation of Law</b> | 4,589                           | 4,604                           | 0.30%           |
| <b>Possession of a Weapon</b>                                   | 2,534                           | 2,053                           | -19.00%         |
| <b>Assault on School Personnel</b>                              | 1,262                           | 1,495                           | 18.50%          |
| <b>Possession of Alcoholic Beverage</b>                         | 890                             | 885                             | -0.60%          |
| <b>Possession of a Firearm or Powerful Explosive</b>            | 128                             | 124                             | -3.10%          |
| <b>Sexual Assault not including Rape or Sexual Offense</b>      | 115                             | 139                             | 20.90%          |
| <b>Sexual Offense</b>   | 70                              | 86                              | 22.90%          |
| <b>Bomb Threat</b>  | 67                              | 33                              | -50.70%         |
| <b>Assault Involving Use of a Weapon</b>                        | 44                              | 41                              | -6.80%          |
| <b>Assault Resulting in Serious Injury</b>                      | 44                              | 75                              | 70.50%          |
| <b>Burning of a School Building</b>                             | 1                               | 12                              | 1100%           |
| <b>Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon</b>                          | 1                               | 1                               | -               |
| <b>Death By Other Than Natural Causes</b>                       | 1                               | 0                               | -               |
| <b>Rape</b>   | 1                               | 3                               | -               |
| <b>Taking Indecent Liberties with a Minor</b>                   | 0                               | 0                               | -               |
| <b>Kidnapping</b>   | 0                               | 3                               | -               |

While the overall total number of reportable acts of crimes has decreased from the previous academic year, the percent change of each reportable crime varies. The numbers and percent change of each of the offenses reported in the 2017-2018 and the 2018-2019 academic years are shown in the table above (Table C3).

It is critical to note that not every act of crime reported is committed by a student. For example, if an individual with no affiliation to the school commits a crime on school grounds, that incident must still be reported by the school.

*TABLE C4. 2018-2019 REPORTED STATEWIDE ACTS BY OFFENDER TYPE*

| SPECIFIED ACTS  | TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTS | TOTAL NO. OF ACTS BY OFFENDER TYPE |           |
|---|----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|
|   |                      | STUDENTS                           | OTHER     |
| <b>Possession of a Controlled Substance in Violation of Law</b> | 4,604                | 4449                               | 1         |
| <b>Possession of a Weapon</b>                                   | 2,053                | 2043                               | 3         |
| <b>Assault on School Personnel</b>                              | 1495                 | 1494                               | 1         |
| <b>Possession of Alcoholic Beverage</b>                         | 885                  | 850                                | 0         |
| <b>Sexual Assault not including Rape or Sexual Offense</b>      | 139                  | 139                                | 0         |
| <b>Possession of a Firearm or Powerful Explosive</b>            | 124                  | 121                                | 3         |
| <b>Sexual Offense</b>   | 86                   | 86                                 | 0         |
| <b>Assault Resulting in Serious Injury</b>                      | 75                   | 75                                 | 0         |
| <b>Assault Involving Use of a Weapon</b>                        | 41                   | 41                                 | 0         |
| <b>Bomb Threat</b>  | 33                   | 32                                 | 1         |
| <b>Burning of a School Building</b>                             | 12                   | 12                                 | 0         |
| <b>Kidnapping</b>   | 3                    | 3                                  | 0         |
| <b>Rape</b>   | 3                    | 2                                  | 1         |
| <b>Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon</b>                          | 1                    | 1                                  | 0         |
| <b>Death By Other Than Natural Causes</b>                       | 0                    | 0                                  | 0         |
| <b>Taking Indecent Liberties with a Minor</b>                   | 0                    | 0                                  | 0         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>9,554</b>         | <b>9348</b>                        | <b>10</b> |

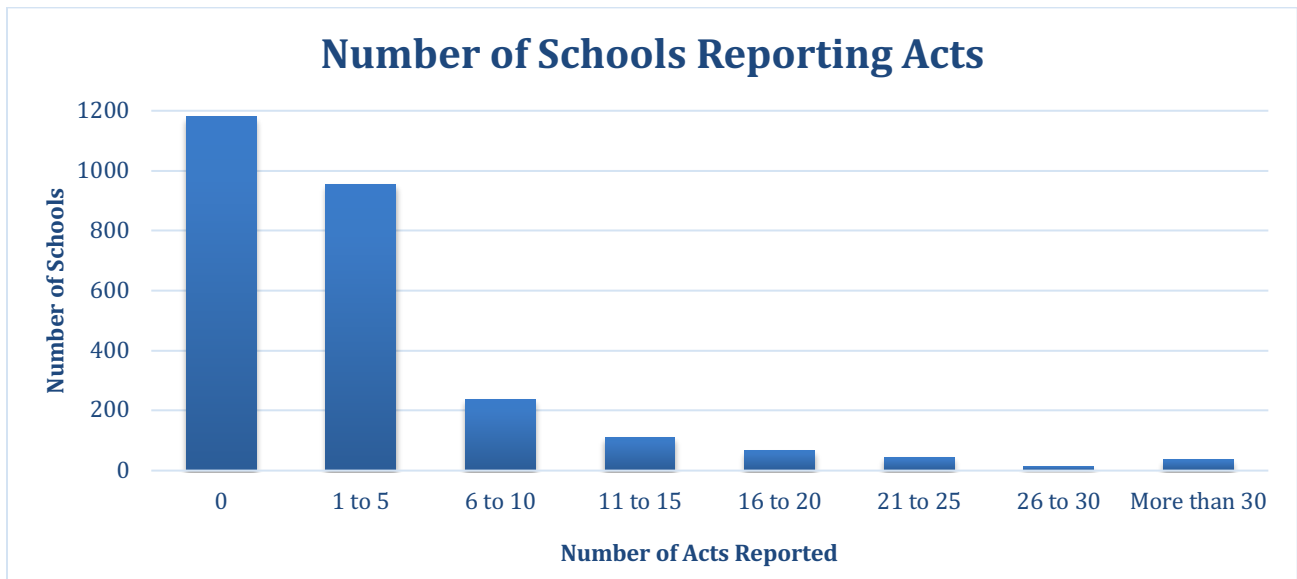
Just as the frequency of reportable crimes varies by crime and type of offender, the frequency of crimes varies by grade span. Elementary, middle, and high schools differ in the types of crimes most frequently reported. The two most frequently reported crimes in elementary school were assault on school personnel and possession of a weapon. In middle schools, the three most frequently reported crimes were possession of a controlled substance, possession of a weapon, and assault on school personnel. In high schools, the order of crime frequency was 1) possession of a controlled substance, 2) possession of a weapon, and 3) possession of an alcoholic beverage. The table below shows the total reported statewide offenses/acts by school level and is ranked by the total number of occurrences of specified acts.

Regarding Table C4 below, a combination elementary/middle school must include some or all of the grade levels defined as elementary (PK-5) and middle (6-8). A combination middle/high school must include some or all of the grade levels defined as middle (6-8) and high school (9-12).

*TABLE C5. 2018-2019 REPORTED STATEWIDE ACTS BY SCHOOL LEVEL*

| SPECIFIED ACTS   | TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTS | TOTAL NO. OF ACTS BY SCHOOL LEVEL |            |              |            |              |            |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|
|  |                      | PK-5                              | ELEM/MID*  | G6-8         | MID/HIGH** | G9-12        | OTHER†     |
| Possession of a Controlled Substance in Violation of Law | 4,604                | 74                                | 125        | 911          | 229        | 3,190        | 75         |
| Possession of a Weapon                                   | 2,053                | 451                               | 115        | 683          | 79         | 688          | 37         |
| Assault on School Personnel                              | 1495                 | 730                               | 104        | 275          | 48         | 280          | 58         |
| Possession of Alcoholic Beverage                         | 885                  | 31                                | 52         | 265          | 53         | 465          | 19         |
| Sexual Assault not including Rape or Sexual Offense      | 139                  | 9                                 | 10         | 61           | 12         | 43           | 4          |
| Possession of a Firearm or Powerful Explosive            | 124                  | 15                                | 3          | 35           | 5          | 63           | 3          |
| Sexual Offense   | 86                   | 5                                 | 4          | 29           | 2          | 37           | 9          |
| Assault Resulting in Serious Injury                      | 75                   | 7                                 | 3          | 13           | 3          | 47           | 2          |
| Assault Involving Use of a Weapon                        | 41                   | 3                                 | 4          | 14           | 2          | 17           | 1          |
| Bomb Threat  | 33                   | 3                                 | 1          | 13           | 2          | 13           | 1          |
| Burning of a School Building                             | 12                   | 2                                 | 4          | 4            | 0          | 2            | 0          |
| Kidnapping   | 3                    | 0                                 | 0          | 1            | 0          | 2            | 0          |
| Rape   | 3                    | 0                                 | 0          | 0            | 1          | 2            | 0          |
| Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon                          | 1                    | 0                                 | 0          | 0            | 0          | 1            | 0          |
| Death By Other Than Natural Causes                       | 0                    | 0                                 | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0          |
| Taking Indecent Liberties with a Minor                   | 0                    | 0                                 | 0          | 0            | 0          | 0            | 0          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>9,554</b>         | <b>1,330</b>                      | <b>425</b> | <b>2,304</b> | <b>436</b> | <b>4,850</b> | <b>209</b> |

*FIGURE C1. NUMBER OF SCHOOLS REPORTING ACTS RANGING FROM ZERO TO MORE THAN 30*





**FIGURE C2. TEN-YEAR TREND IN NUMBER OF REPORTED ACTS RECEIVING HIGHEST TOTAL OCCURRENCES**

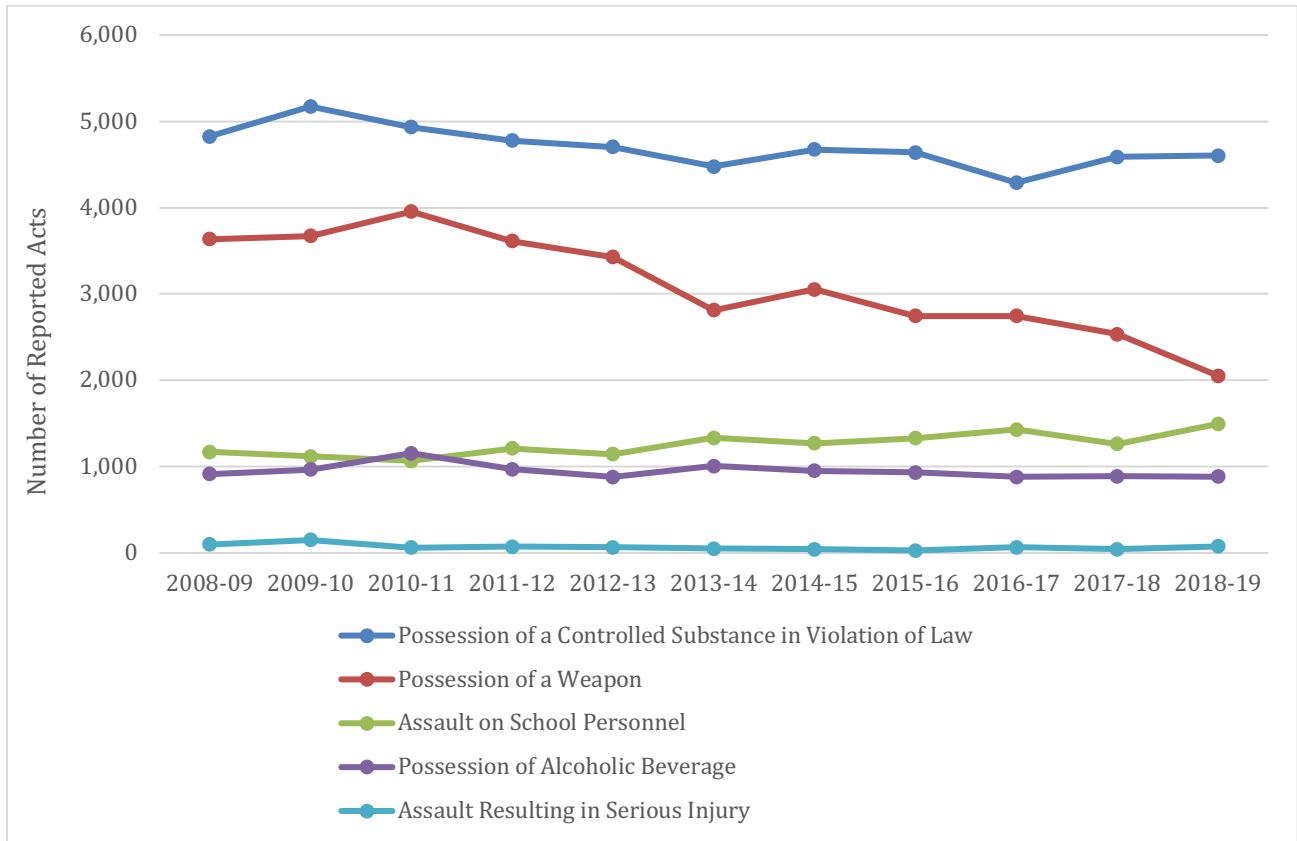


Table C6 below details the number and rates of reportable crime in Grades 9-13 by LEA. Some general trends include:

- The LEAs that had zero reported acts of crime were Edenton-Chowan Schools, Whiteville City Schools, Weldon City Schools, Jackson County Public Schools.
- The LEAs reporting the largest 3-year decreases in rates of grade 9-13 reported crimes were Edenton-Chowan Schools, Whiteville City Schools, Weldon City Schools, Jackson County Public Schools, Camden County Schools, Yancey County Schools, Stokes County Schools, and Montgomery County Schools.
- The LEAs with the highest rates of reported acts of crime in grades 9-13 were Avery County Schools, Alleghany County Schools, McDowell County Schools, Watauga County Schools, Bertie County Schools.
- The LEAs reporting the largest 3-year increases in rates of grade 9-13 reported crimes were Bertie County, Avery County, Alleghany County, McDowell County, Clay County, Caldwell County, Mooresville Graded SSD, and Richmond County.

***TABLE C6. 2018-2019 NUMBER OF GRADE 9-13 REPORTABLE CRIMES AND RATES (PER 1,000 ENROLLED) BY LEA***

| <b>LEA Code</b> | <b>LEA Name</b>                | <b>Reportable Crimes</b> | <b>ADM, grades 9-13</b> | <b>Reportable Crime Rate (per 1,000 ADM)</b> |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--|
|                 | State                          | 4,850                    | 452,073                 | 10.73  |
| <b>010</b>      | Alamance-Burlington Schools    | 81                       | 6,778                   | 11.95  |
| <b>020</b>      | Alexander County Schools       | 14                       | 1,376                   | 10.17  |
| <b>030</b>      | Alleghany County Schools       | 13                       | 419                     | 31.03  |
| <b>040</b>      | Anson County Schools           | 7                        | 957                     | 7.31   |
| <b>050</b>      | Ashe County Schools            | 10                       | 905                     | 11.05  |
| <b>060</b>      | Avery County Schools           | 21                       | 570                     | 36.84  |
| <b>070</b>      | Beaufort County Schools        | 21                       | 1,979                   | 10.61  |
| <b>080</b>      | Bertie County Schools          | 17                       | 675                     | 25.19  |
| <b>090</b>      | Bladen County Schools          | 10                       | 1,363                   | 7.34   |
| <b>100</b>      | Brunswick County Schools       | 21                       | 3,923                   | 5.35   |
| <b>110</b>      | Buncombe County Schools        | 180                      | 7,375                   | 24.41  |
| <b>111</b>      | Asheville City Schools         | 7                        | 1,307                   | 5.36   |
| <b>120</b>      | Burke County Schools           | 33                       | 3,662                   | 9.01   |
| <b>130</b>      | Cabarrus County Schools        | 58                       | 10,267                  | 5.65   |
| <b>132</b>      | Kannapolis City Schools        | 10                       | 1,567                   | 6.38   |
| <b>140</b>      | Caldwell County Schools        | 49                       | 3,589                   | 13.65  |
| <b>150</b>      | Camden County Schools          | 1                        | 597                     | 1.68   |
| <b>160</b>      | Carteret County Public Schools | 32                       | 2,453                   | 13.05  |
| <b>170</b>      | Caswell County Schools         | 4                        | 734                     | 5.45   |
| <b>180</b>      | Catawba County Schools         | 56                       | 4,910                   | 11.41  |
| <b>181</b>      | Hickory City Schools           | 9                        | 1,159                   | 7.77   |
| <b>182</b>      | Newton Conover City Schools    | 10                       | 932                     | 10.73  |
| <b>190</b>      | Chatham County Schools         | 32                       | 2,668                   | 11.99  |
| <b>200</b>      | Cherokee County Schools        | 6                        | 1,043                   | 5.75   |
| <b>210</b>      | Edenton-Chowan Schools         | 0                        | 570                     | 0.00   |
| <b>220</b>      | Clay County Schools            | 5                        | 362                     | 13.81  |
| <b>230</b>      | Cleveland County Schools       | 78                       | 4,371                   | 17.84  |
| <b>240</b>      | Columbus County Schools        | 8                        | 1,876                   | 4.26   |
| <b>241</b>      | Whiteville City Schools        | 0                        | 699                     | 0.00   |
| <b>250</b>      | Craven County Schools          | 51                       | 3,833                   | 13.31  |
| <b>260</b>      | Cumberland County Schools      | 220                      | 14,742                  | 14.92  |
| <b>270</b>      | Currituck County Schools       | 4                        | 1,241                   | 3.22   |
| <b>280</b>      | Dare County Schools            | 7                        | 1,556                   | 4.50   |
| <b>290</b>      | Davidson County Schools        | 54                       | 6,001                   | 9.00   |
| <b>291</b>      | Lexington City Schools         | 4                        | 801                     | 4.99   |

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|------------|--------------------------------------|-----|--------|-------|
| <b>292</b> | Thomasville City Schools             | 8   | 642    | 12.46 |
| <b>300</b> | Davie County Schools                 | 5   | 1,902  | 2.63  |
| <b>310</b> | Duplin County Schools                | 9   | 2,689  | 3.35  |
| <b>320</b> | Durham Public Schools                | 148 | 10,288 | 14.39 |
| <b>32N</b> | Research Triangle High School        | 0   | 549    | 0.00  |
| <b>330</b> | Edgecombe County Public Schools      | 33  | 1,764  | 18.71 |
| <b>340</b> | Winston Salem/Forsyth County Schools | 172 | 16,344 | 10.52 |
| <b>350</b> | Franklin County Schools              | 45  | 2,609  | 17.25 |
| <b>360</b> | Gaston County Schools                | 48  | 9,371  | 5.12  |
| <b>370</b> | Gates County Schools                 | 9   | 462    | 19.48 |
| <b>380</b> | Graham County Schools                | 2   | 346    | 5.78  |
| <b>390</b> | Granville County Schools             | 25  | 2,332  | 10.72 |
| <b>400</b> | Greene County Schools                | 11  | 880    | 12.50 |
| <b>410</b> | Guilford County Schools              | 367 | 22,416 | 16.37 |
| <b>41K</b> | Piedmont Classical High School       | 4   | 440    | 9.09  |
| <b>420</b> | Halifax County Schools               | 9   | 556    | 16.19 |
| <b>421</b> | Roanoke Rapids City Schools          | 5   | 917    | 5.45  |
| <b>422</b> | Weldon City Schools                  | 0   | 329    | 0.00  |
| <b>430</b> | Harnett County Schools               | 45  | 5,871  | 7.66  |
| <b>440</b> | Haywood County Schools               | 38  | 2,173  | 17.49 |
| <b>450</b> | Henderson County Schools             | 48  | 4,063  | 11.81 |
| <b>460</b> | Hertford County Schools              | 6   | 814    | 7.37  |
| <b>470</b> | Hoke County Schools                  | 15  | 2,292  | 6.54  |
| <b>490</b> | Iredell-Statesville Schools          | 62  | 6,820  | 9.09  |
| <b>491</b> | Mooresville Graded School District   | 25  | 1,850  | 13.51 |
| <b>500</b> | Jackson County Public Schools        | 0   | 1,128  | 0.00  |
| <b>510</b> | Johnston County Schools              | 62  | 11,234 | 5.52  |
| <b>520</b> | Jones County Schools                 | 6   | 295    | 20.34 |
| <b>530</b> | Lee County Schools                   | 46  | 2,868  | 16.04 |
| <b>540</b> | Lenoir County Public Schools         | 18  | 2,415  | 7.45  |
| <b>550</b> | Lincoln County Schools               | 29  | 3,535  | 8.20  |
| <b>560</b> | Macon County Schools                 | 5   | 1,276  | 3.92  |
| <b>570</b> | Madison County Schools               | 9   | 752    | 11.97 |
| <b>580</b> | Martin County Schools                | 2   | 747    | 2.68  |
| <b>590</b> | McDowell County Schools              | 53  | 1,736  | 30.53 |
| <b>600</b> | Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools        | 554 | 43,086 | 12.86 |
| <b>60U</b> | Commonwealth High School             | 0   | 237    | 0.00  |
| <b>610</b> | Mitchell County Schools              | 11  | 614    | 17.92 |
| <b>61L</b> | Stewart Creek High School            | 0   | 195    | 0.00  |
| <b>620</b> | Montgomery County Schools            | 2   | 1,118  | 1.79  |
| <b>630</b> | Moore County Schools                 | 37  | 3,968  | 9.32  |

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|------------|---|-----|--------|-------|
| <b>640</b> | Nash-Rocky Mount Schools                  | 20  | 4,447  | 4.50  |
| <b>650</b> | New Hanover County Schools                | 77  | 7,895  | 9.75  |
| <b>660</b> | Northampton County Schools                | 4   | 458    | 8.73  |
| <b>670</b> | Onslow County Schools                     | 79  | 6,942  | 11.38 |
| <b>680</b> | Orange County Schools                     | 18  | 2,322  | 7.75  |
| <b>681</b> | Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools         | 43  | 3,892  | 11.05 |
| <b>690</b> | Pamlico County Schools                    | 4   | 440    | 9.09  |
| <b>700</b> | Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools  | 4   | 1,492  | 2.68  |
| <b>710</b> | Pender County Schools                     | 24  | 2,978  | 8.06  |
| <b>720</b> | Perquimans County Schools                 | 11  | 450    | 24.44 |
| <b>730</b> | Person County Schools                     | 25  | 1,253  | 19.95 |
| <b>740</b> | Pitt County Schools                       | 61  | 7,120  | 8.57  |
| <b>750</b> | Polk County Schools                       | 10  | 662    | 15.11 |
| <b>760</b> | Randolph County School System             | 96  | 5,030  | 19.09 |
| <b>761</b> | Asheboro City Schools                     | 3   | 1,272  | 2.36  |
| <b>770</b> | Richmond County Schools                   | 32  | 2,107  | 15.19 |
| <b>780</b> | Public Schools of Robeson County          | 102 | 6,114  | 16.68 |
| <b>790</b> | Rockingham County Schools                 | 55  | 3,580  | 15.36 |
| <b>800</b> | Rowan-Salisbury Schools                   | 92  | 5,841  | 15.75 |
| <b>810</b> | Rutherford County Schools                 | 16  | 2,439  | 6.56  |
| <b>820</b> | Sampson County Schools                    | 17  | 2,463  | 6.90  |
| <b>821</b> | Clinton City Schools                      | 9   | 798    | 11.28 |
| <b>830</b> | Scotland County Schools                   | 14  | 1,501  | 9.33  |
| <b>840</b> | Stanly County Schools                     | 15  | 2,476  | 6.06  |
| <b>850</b> | Stokes County Schools                     | 2   | 1,886  | 1.06  |
| <b>860</b> | Surry County Schools                      | 24  | 2,384  | 10.07 |
| <b>861</b> | Elkin City Schools                        | 1   | 346    | 2.89  |
| <b>862</b> | Mount Airy City Schools                   | 2   | 521    | 3.84  |
| <b>870</b> | Swain County Schools                      | 12  | 557    | 21.54 |
| <b>880</b> | Transylvania County Schools               | 14  | 1,097  | 12.76 |
| <b>890</b> | Tyrrell County Schools                    | 1   | 179    | 5.59  |
| <b>900</b> | Union County Public Schools               | 150 | 13,988 | 10.72 |
| <b>910</b> | Vance County Schools                      | 15  | 1,361  | 11.02 |
| <b>920</b> | Wake County Schools                       | 499 | 49,089 | 10.17 |
| <b>92K</b> | Raleigh Charter High School               | 0   | 560    | 0.00  |
| <b>92U</b> | Longleaf School of the Arts               | 2   | 334    | 5.99  |
| <b>930</b> | Warren County Schools                     | 10  | 583    | 17.15 |
| <b>93L</b> | Central Wake Charter High School          | 0   | 185    | 0.00  |
| <b>940</b> | Washington County Schools                 | 1   | 348    | 2.87  |
| <b>94Z</b> | Northeast Regional School - Biotech//Agri | 0   | 212    | 0     |
| <b>950</b> | Watauga County Schools                    | 42  | 1,383  | 30.37 |

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|------------|-----------------------------|----|-------|-------|
| <b>960</b> | Wayne County Public Schools | 30 | 5,405 | 5.55  |
| <b>970</b> | Wilkes County Schools       | 47 | 2,786 | 16.87 |
| <b>980</b> | Wilson County Schools       | 33 | 3,450 | 9.57  |
| <b>990</b> | Yadkin County Schools       | 27 | 1,574 | 17.15 |
| <b>995</b> | Yancey County Schools       | 1  | 654   | 1.53  |

# 2018-2019 SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS

## Introduction

### Definitions of Suspension and Expulsion

Lesser offenses committed by students are often dealt with using in-school suspensions or short-term suspensions, which are out-of-school suspensions of one to ten days. Principals usually make decisions about whether to suspend a student in-school or short-term out-of-school and about the duration of suspensions.

Long-term suspensions are suspensions greater than 11 days. When a student is suspended long-term, the student may not return to his or her regular school for the duration of the suspension. Districts may allow long-term suspended students to attend an alternative learning program (ALP) or alternative school during their long-term suspensions. For reporting purposes, students are not considered suspended while attending an ALP or alternative school.

Certain very serious offenses may result in the student not being allowed to enroll in any school or program for the remainder of the school year or being suspended for an entire calendar year (365-day suspension). Usually superintendents and/or local boards of education, upon recommendation of principals, make decisions on a case-by-case basis about long-term suspensions (including 365-day suspensions), the length of those suspensions, and whether an ALP placement is provided.

When a student is expelled from school, the student cannot return to the home school or any other school within the LEA. As with long-term suspensions, the superintendent and/or the local board of education, upon the recommendation of the principal, make decisions about student expulsions on a case-by-case basis. An expulsion is usually reserved for cases where the student is at least 14 years of age and presents a clear threat of danger to self or others. The acts do not have to occur on school premises for the superintendent or school board to expel a student. Some districts allow expelled students to apply for readmission after a specified time.

In previous consolidated reports, the rates for crimes and suspensions were reported using various denominators (i.e., per 10, per 100, per 1000). In the 2018-2019 consolidated report, rates have been standardized across the crime & violence and short-term suspension reports to reflect a rate per 1000 students.

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### Section 1. Short-Term Suspensions

A short-term suspension equates to a student being suspended for 10 days or less. The data in this section reflect total numbers of short-term suspensions that may include multiple suspensions per student, as some students receive multiple short-term suspensions each year. The charts and tables in this section represent numbers of suspensions, not numbers of unique students. For this year's report, short-term suspension rates are calculated per 1,000 students, not per 100 students as was the case in previous years. To calculate short-term suspension rates:

$$(\text{total \# of event occurrence} / \text{LEA population}) * 1000$$

In 2018-2019, there were 203,298 short-term suspensions reported statewide, a decrease of 3.8% from the 211,228 reported in the 2017-2018 academic year. The short-term suspension rate was 130.9 suspensions per one thousand students, a 5.7% decrease from the previous year.

While most of the visualized data in this section represent suspensions, not numbers of unique students, it is important to note that of the 203,298 short-term suspensions in 2018-2019, 110,927 individual students were affected by these short-term suspensions for an average of 1.83 short-term suspensions per-student. The average duration of a single short-term suspension was 3 days. More information on the gender and ethnicity of unique students and short-term suspensions can be found in Figure S8.

As for the high school grades, 67,952 short-term suspensions were reported statewide for a rate of 150 suspensions per 1000 students. The short-term suspension rate decreased 16% from the 2017-2018 academic year.

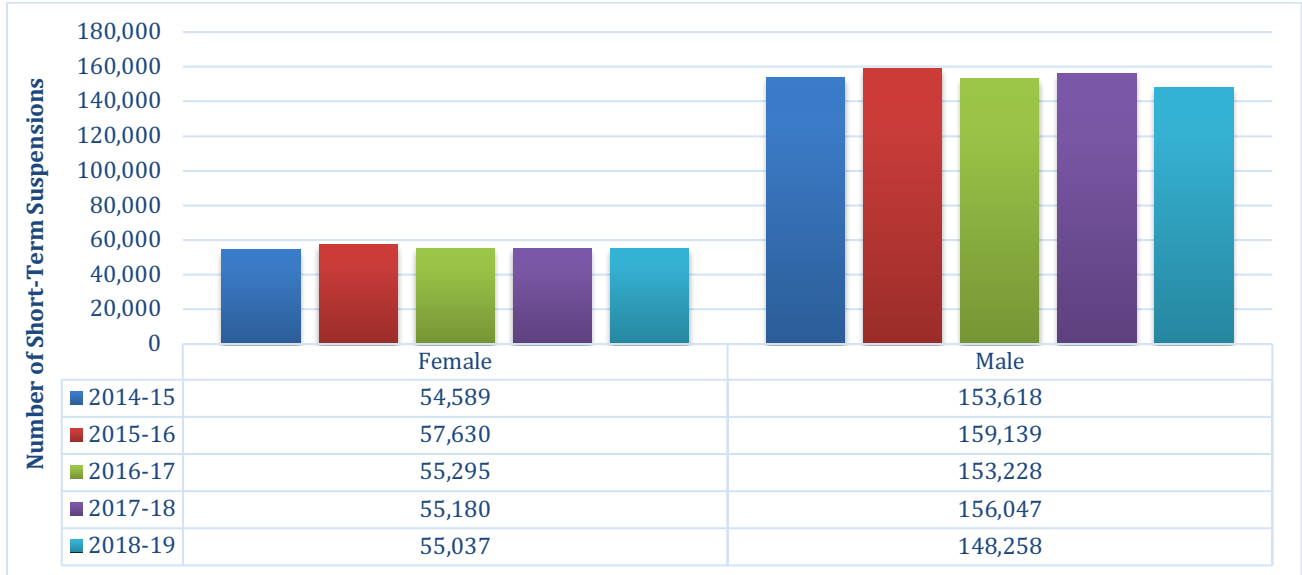
The LEAs that reported the lowest rates of grade 9-13 short-term suspensions in 2018-2019 were Clay County, Elkin City, Jackson County, Macon County, and Chapel-Hill Carrboro City.

LEAs with the highest rates of grade 9-13 short-term suspensions were Anson County, Northampton County, Bertie County, Robeson County, Vance County, and Pitt County.

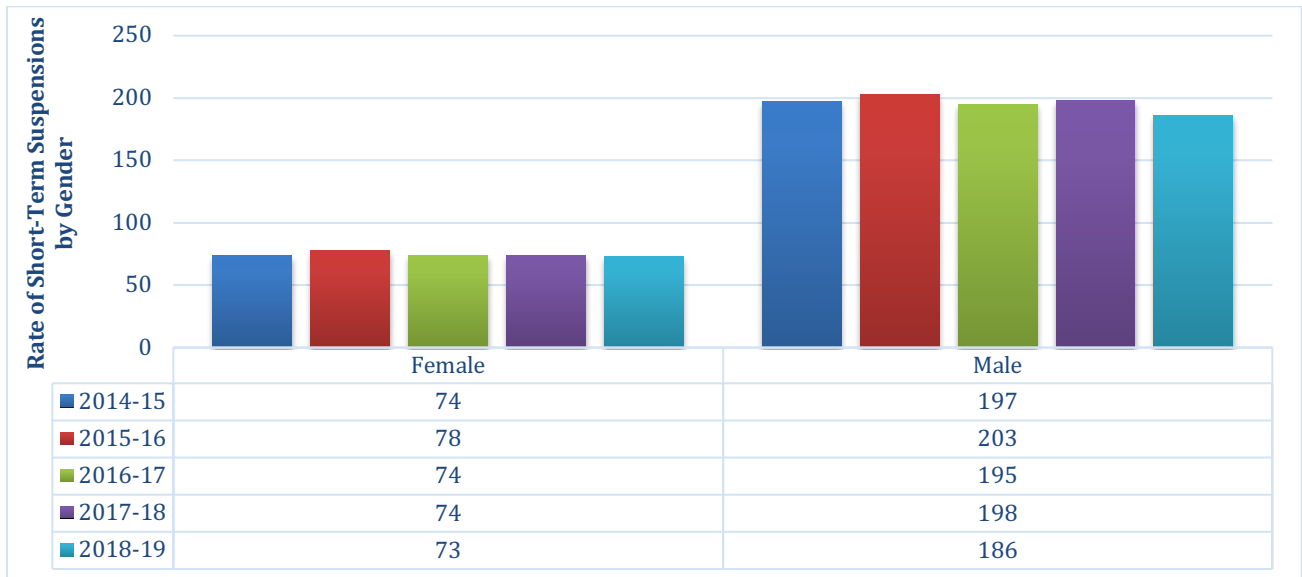
In 2018-2019 LEAs with the largest 3-year percentage decreases (reductions compared to 2015-16) in rates of grade 9-13 short-term suspensions were Jackson County, Macon County, Halifax County, Stokes County, Elkin City Schools.

LEAs with the largest 3-year percentage increases in rates of grade 9-13 short-term suspensions were Bertie County, Graham County, Avery County, Watauga County, and Swain County.

**FIGURE S1. SHORT-TERM SUSPENSIONS BY GENDER**



**FIGURE S2. SHORT-TERM SUSPENSIONS RATE (PER 1,000 ENROLLED)<sup>1</sup>, BY GENDER**

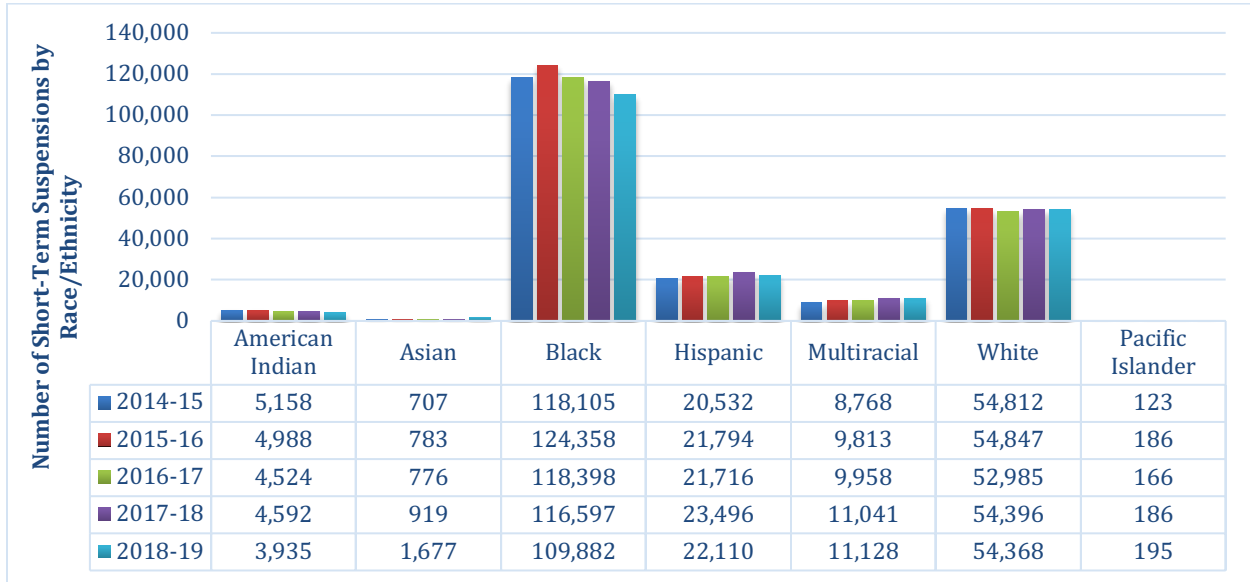


- The rate of short-term suspensions for male students was 2.55 times the rate for females in 2018-2019.
- In 2018-2019, both the rate and number of short-term suspensions for both males and females decreased from the previous academic year.

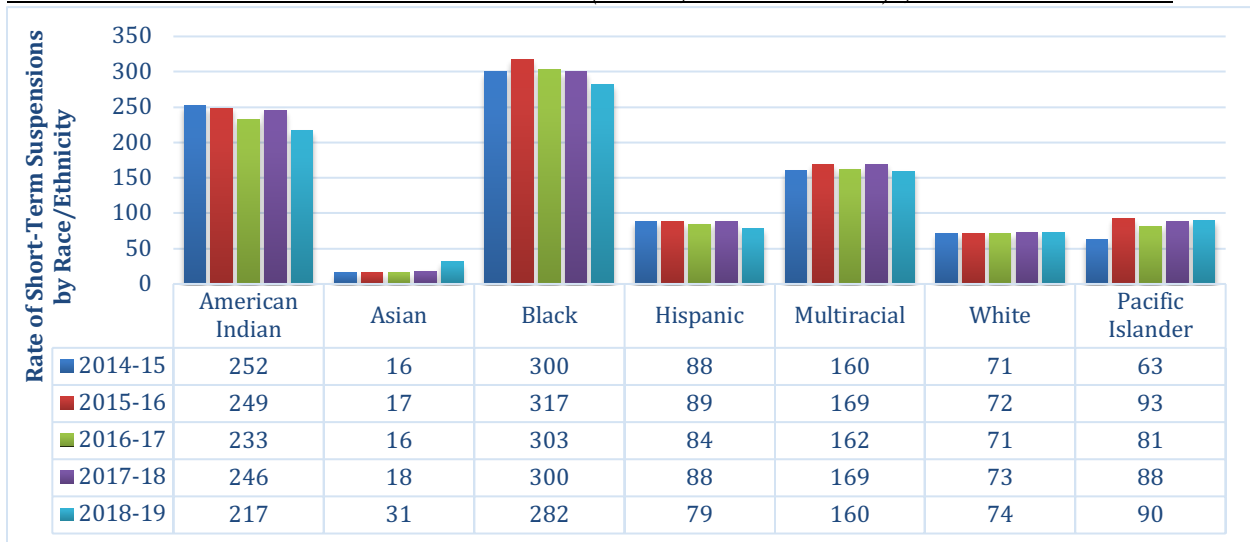
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**FIGURE S3. SHORT-TERM SUSPENSIONS BY RACE/ETHNICITY**



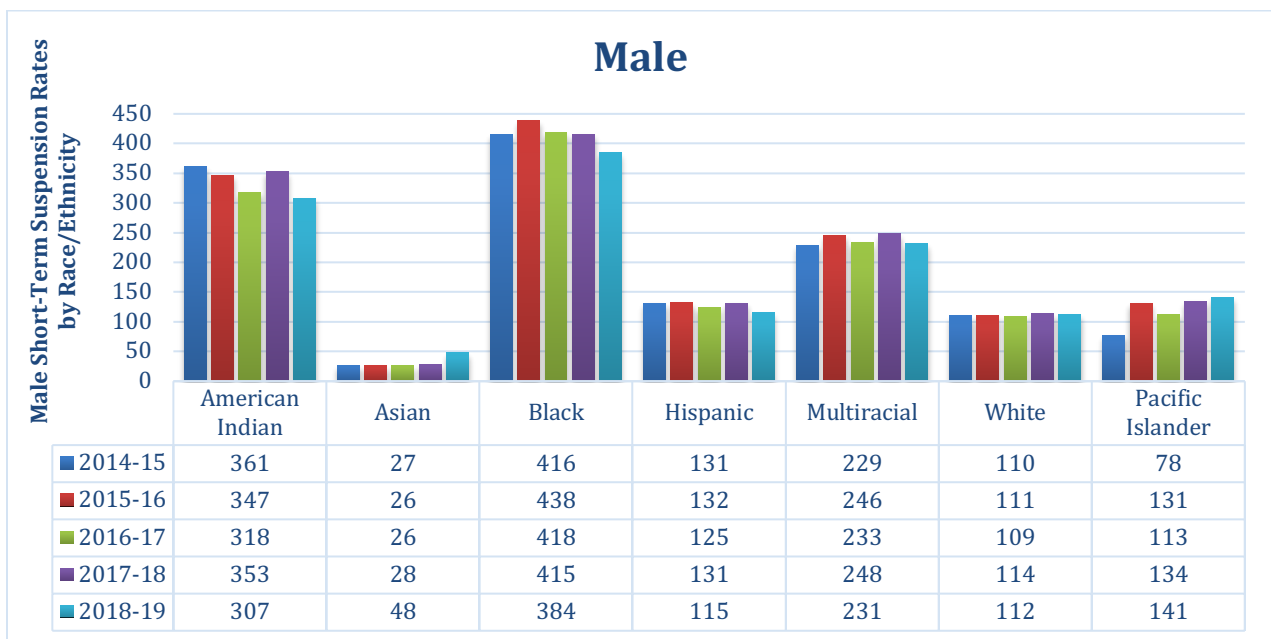
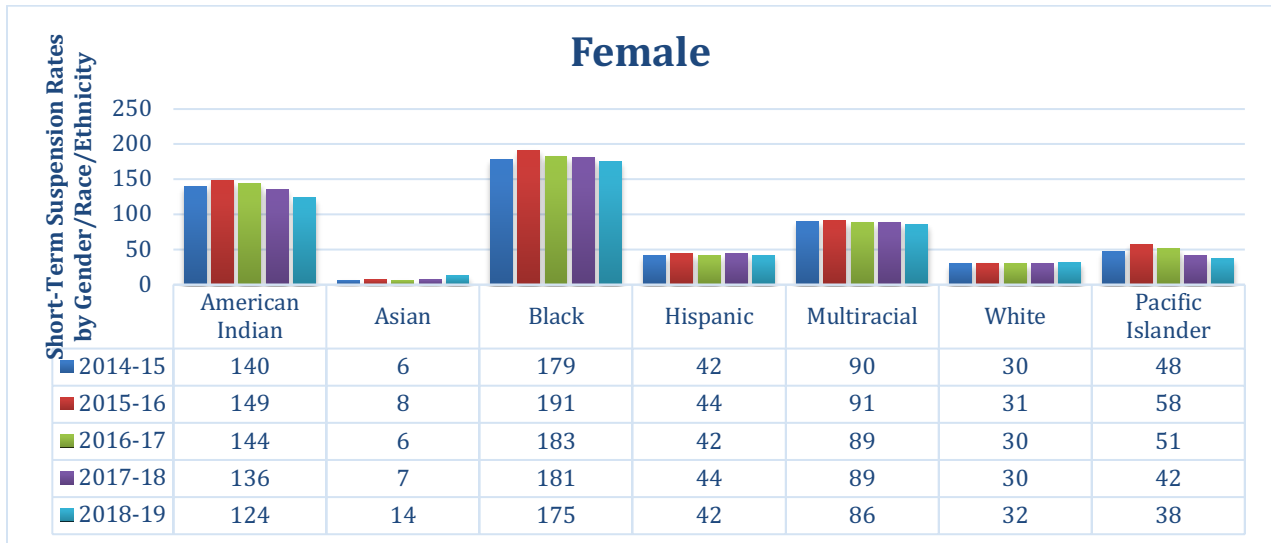
**FIGURE S4. SHORT-TERM SUSPENSIONS RATE (PER 1,000 ENROLLED)<sup>2</sup>, BY RACE/ETHNICITY**



- In 2018-2019, the rate of short-term suspensions for American Indian, Black, Hispanic, and Two or More Races students decreased slightly compared to the previous academic year.
- The rate of short-term suspensions for Asian, White, and Pacific Islander students increased slightly compared to the previous academic year.

<sup>2</sup> In previous consolidated reports, the rates for crimes and suspensions were reported using various denominators (i.e., per 10, per 100, per 1000). In this 2018-2019 consolidated report, rates have been standardized and short-term suspension rates are calculated per 1000 students.

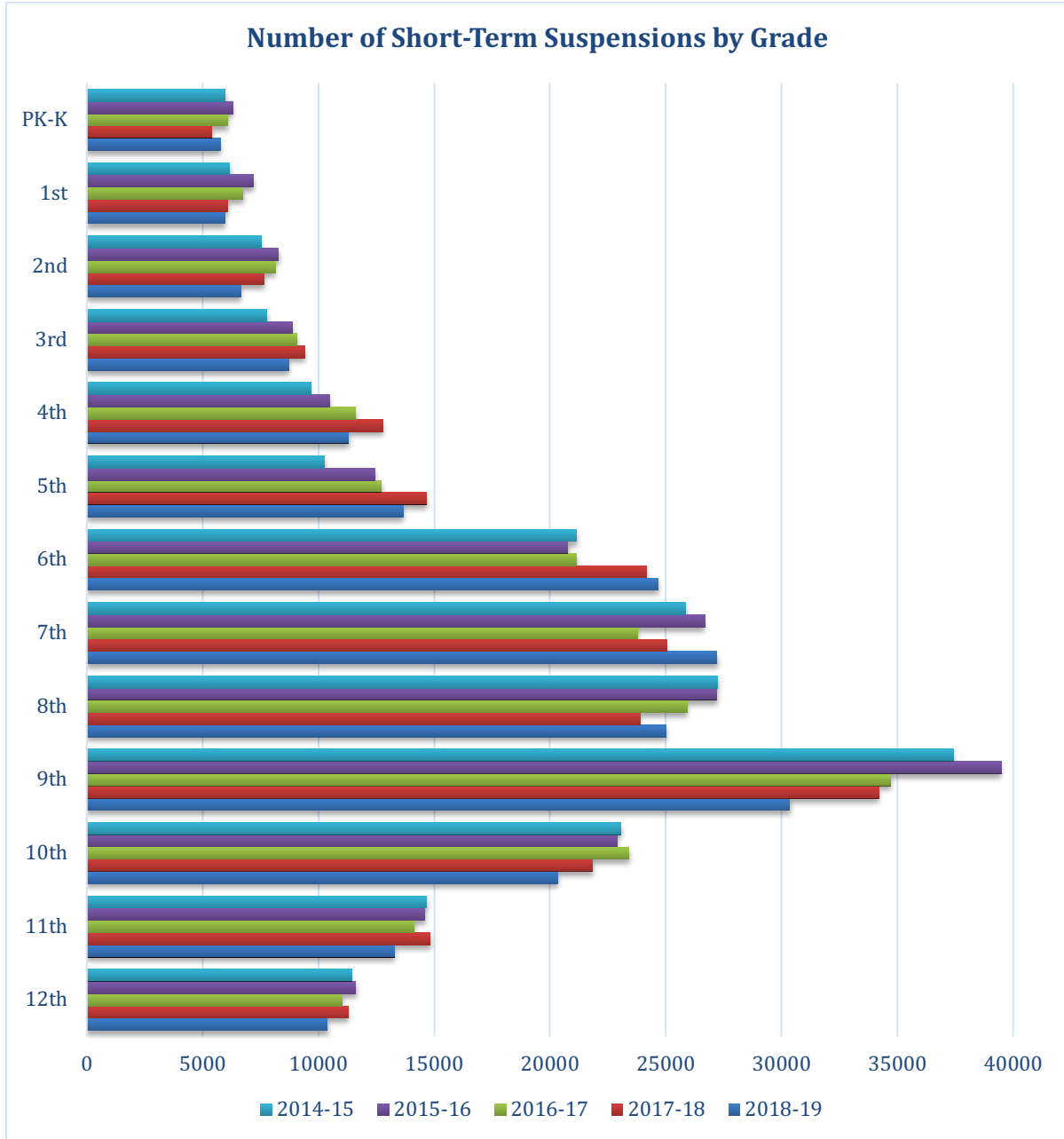
**FIGURE S5. SHORT-TERM SUSPENSION RATES (PER 1,000 ENROLLED)<sup>3</sup> BY RACE/ETHNICITY AND GENDER**



- In 2018-2019, black male students had the highest rate of short-term suspension, followed by American Indian males. These rates did decrease from the 2017-2018 academic year.
- Short-term suspension rates for Asian students – both male and female – had the greatest increase from the previous academic year.

<sup>3</sup> In previous consolidated reports, the rates for crimes and suspensions were reported using various denominators (i.e., per 10, per 100, per 1000). In this 2018-2019 consolidated report, rates have been standardized and short-term suspension rates are calculated per 1000 students.

*FIGURE S6. SHORT-TERM SUSPENSIONS BY GRADE*



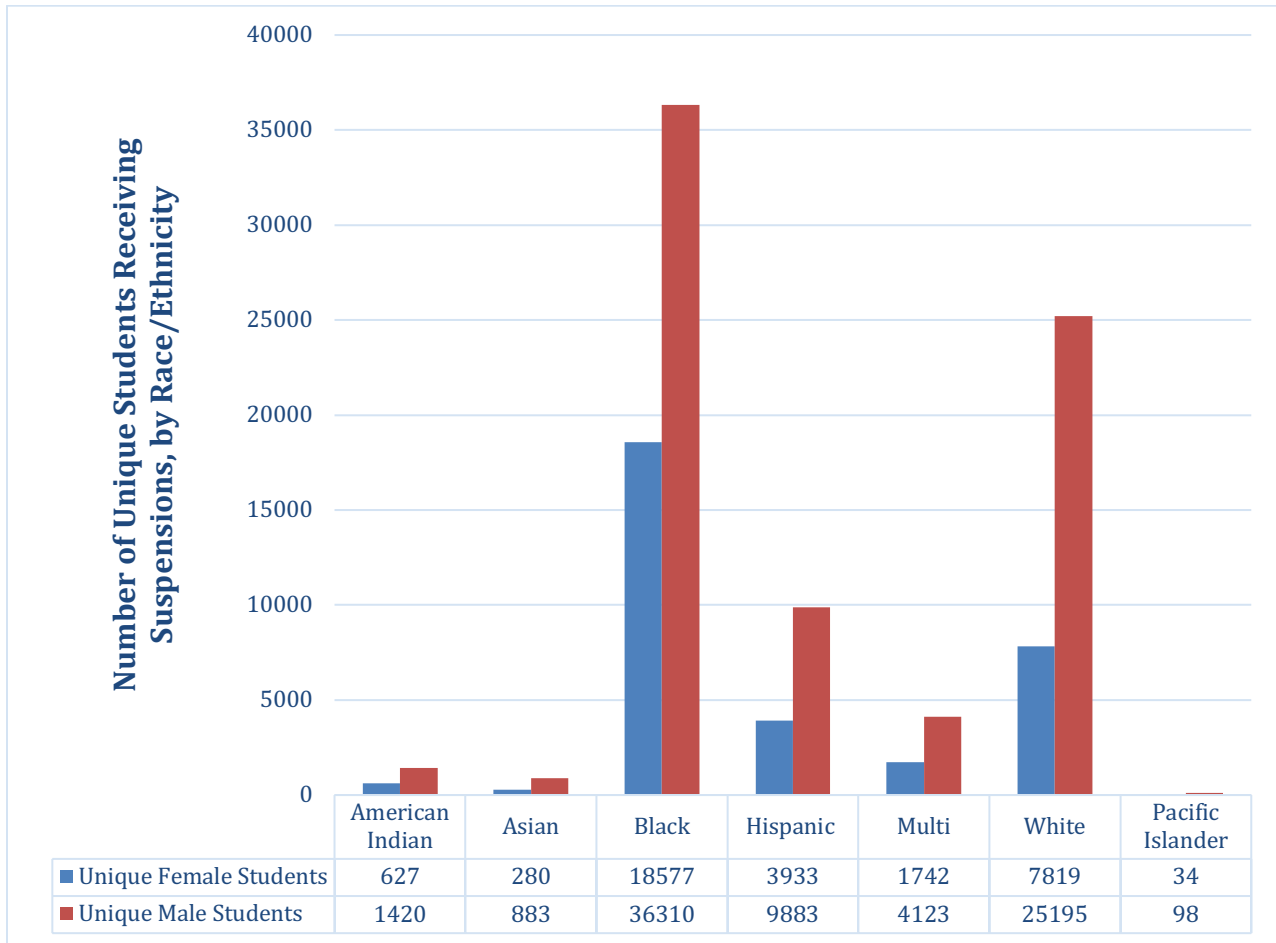
- Ninth graders received the largest number of suspensions for the fifth year in a row.
- Ninth graders saw the greatest decrease in the number of short-term suspensions compared to the 2017-2018 academic year.
- In 2018-2019, the middle grades – sixth, seventh, and eighth grades – each saw an increase in the number of short-term suspensions compared to the 2017-2018 academic year.

*FIGURE S7. SHORT-TERM SUSPENSIONS BY EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN (EC) STATUS*



- Exceptional children received 24% of the short-term suspensions in 2018-2019, a slight 0.7% decrease from the 2017-2018 academic year.
- The number of short-term suspensions for students with a developmental delay, autism, or speech/language impairment increased from the 2017-2018 academic year.
- The number of short-term suspensions assigned to students with a speech/language impairment, other health impairment, autism, or developmental delay has increased since 2014-2015.
- The number of short-term suspensions assigned to students with a serious emotional disability, intellectual disability (mild), or specific learning disability has decreased since 2014-2015.

**FIGURE S8. NUMBER OF UNIQUE STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED SHORT-TERM SUSPENSIONS, BY GENDER & RACE/ETHNICITY**



- In 2018-2019, of the 203,298 short-term suspensions, 110,927 were received by individual students for an average of 1.83 short-term suspensions per-student.
- Of the 110,927 individual students who received short-term suspensions, 70.24% were male.
- Of the 110,927 individual students who received short-term suspensions, 49.48% were black students. More specifically, 32.73% were black males. White males made up 22.71% of short-term suspensions received in 2018-2019, followed by black females at 16.75%, and Hispanic males at 8.91%.

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### **Section 2. Long-Term Suspensions**

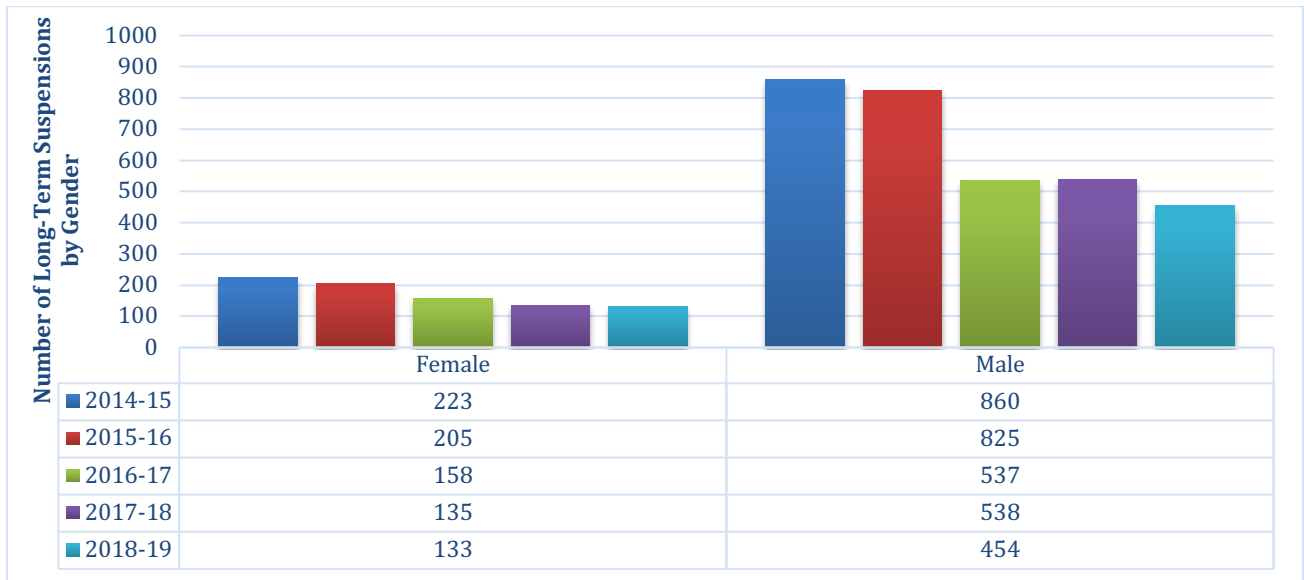
Long-term suspensions are suspensions that last 11 or more school days. Long term suspensions do not include students who were enrolled in an alternative learning program within 10 days of their suspension. Rates for long-term suspensions are calculated per 100,000 students.

In 2018-2019, 587 long-term suspensions were reported, a 12.77% decrease from the 673 long-term suspensions reported in 2017-2018, and a 15.5% decrease from the 2016-2017 academic year.

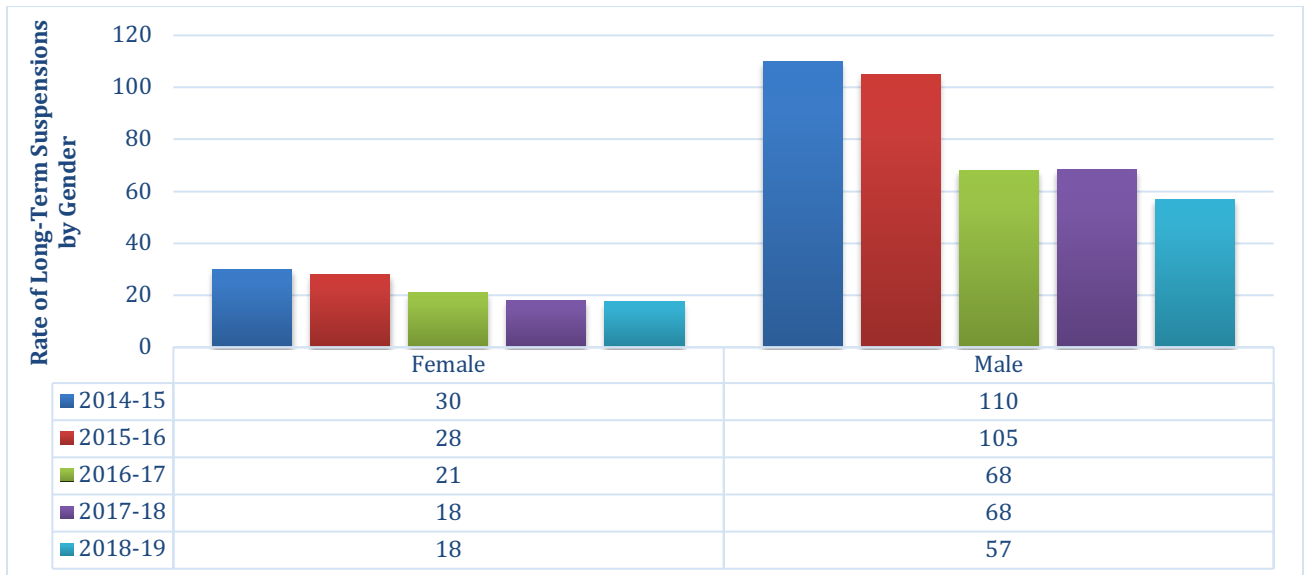
It is important to note that because some students received more than one long-term suspension, the 587 long-term suspensions reported in 2018-2019 were assigned to 575 individual students for an average of 72.97 days of school missed. Overall, 42,833 days of school were missed throughout the state due to long-term suspensions in the 2018-2019 academic year.

High school students received 326 long-term suspensions, a 22% decrease from the 419 recorded in 2017-2018 and a 28.8% decrease from the 458 recorded in the 2016-2017 academic year.

*FIGURE S9. LONG-TERM SUSPENSIONS BY GENDER*

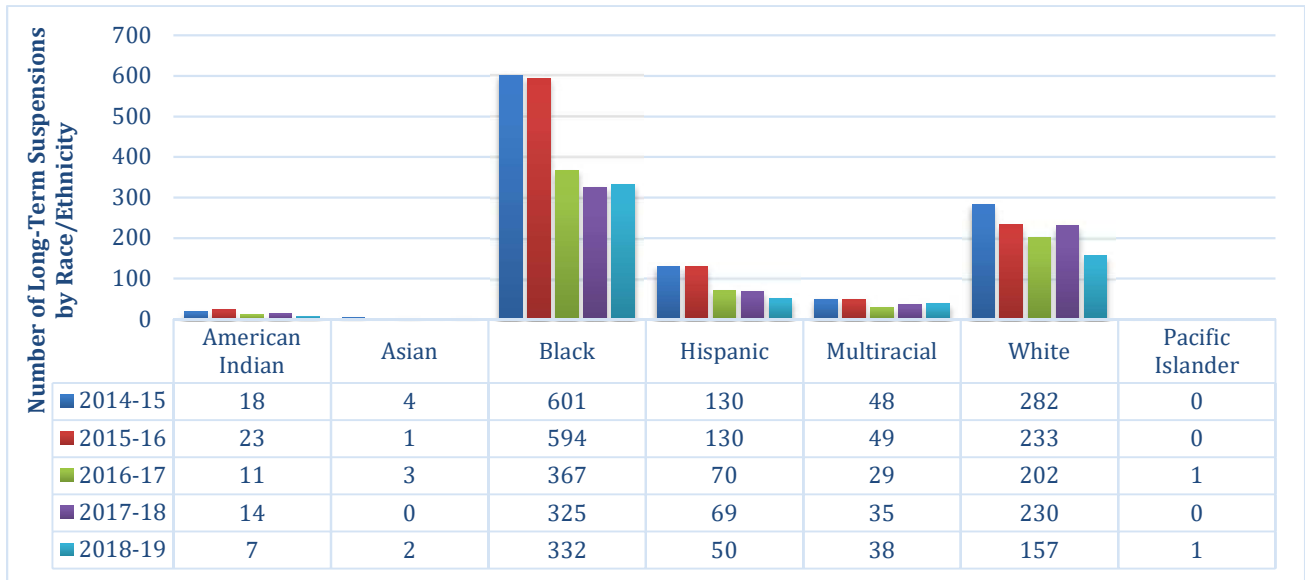


*FIGURE S10. RATE (PER 100,000 ENROLLED) OF LONG-TERM SUSPENSIONS BY GENDER*

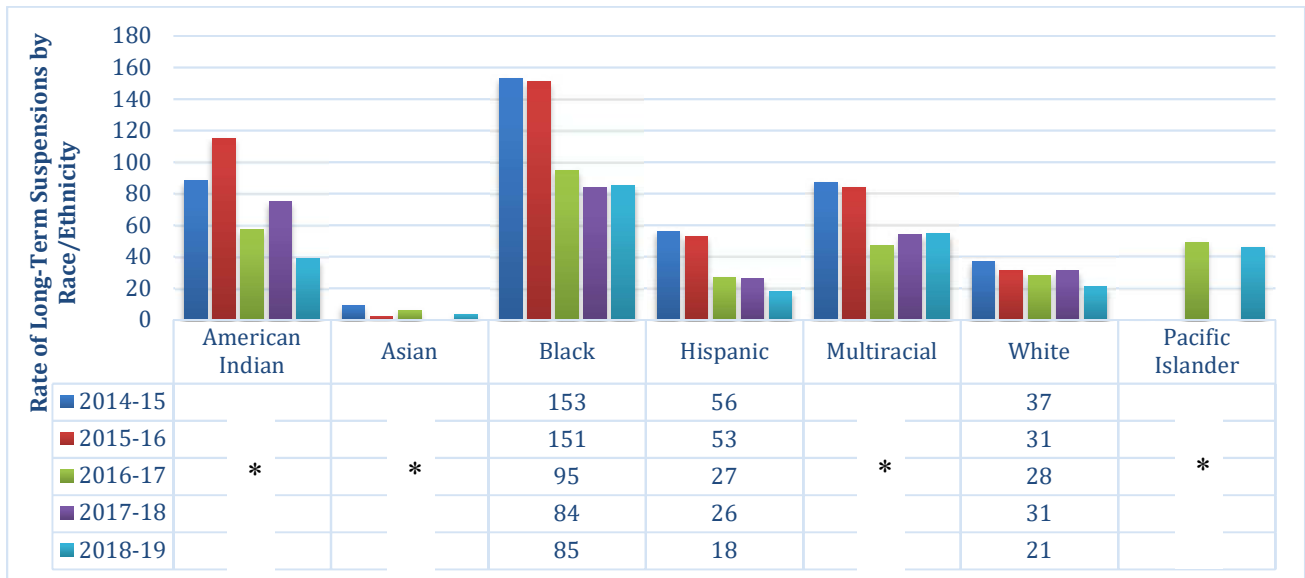


- The rate of long-term suspensions for male students in was 68% greater than the rate for females in 2018-2019.
- In 2018-2019, both the rate and number of long-term suspensions for males decreased from the previous academic year.

**FIGURE S11. LONG-TERM SUSPENSIONS BY RACE/ETHNICITY**



**FIGURE S12. RATE (PER 100,000 ENROLLED) OF LONG-TERM SUSPENSIONS BY RACE/ETHNICITY**

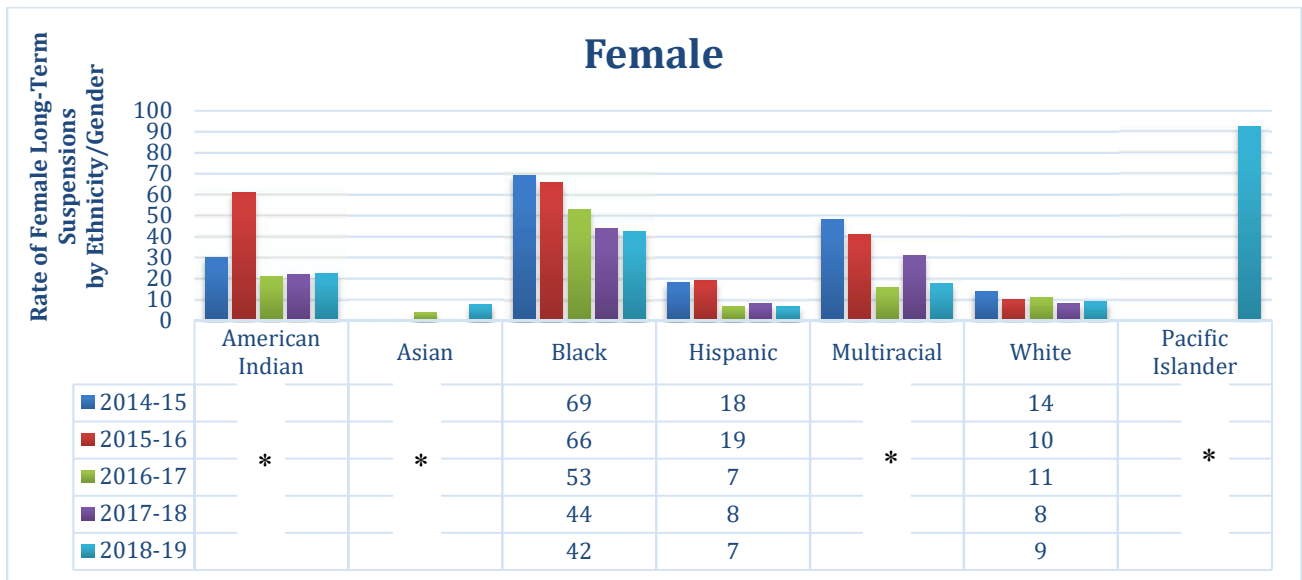


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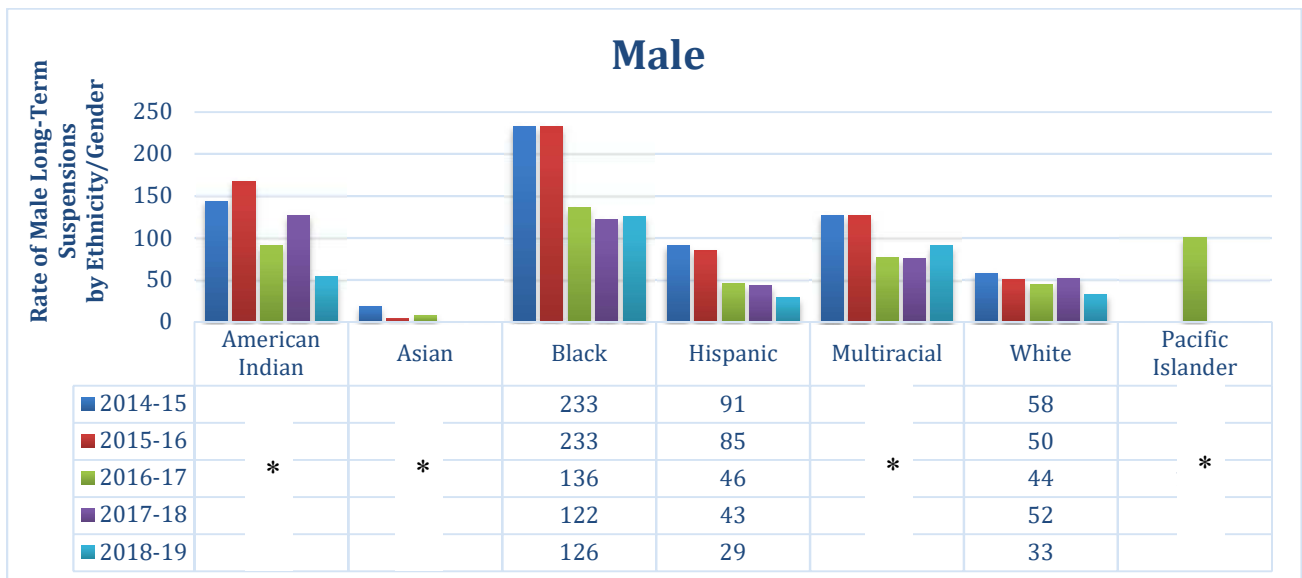
- In 2018-2019, the rate of long-term suspensions for American Indian, Hispanic, and White students decreased slightly compared to the previous academic year.



FIGURE S13. LONG-TERM SUSPENSION RATES PER 100,000 STUDENTS BY ETHNICITY AND GENDER



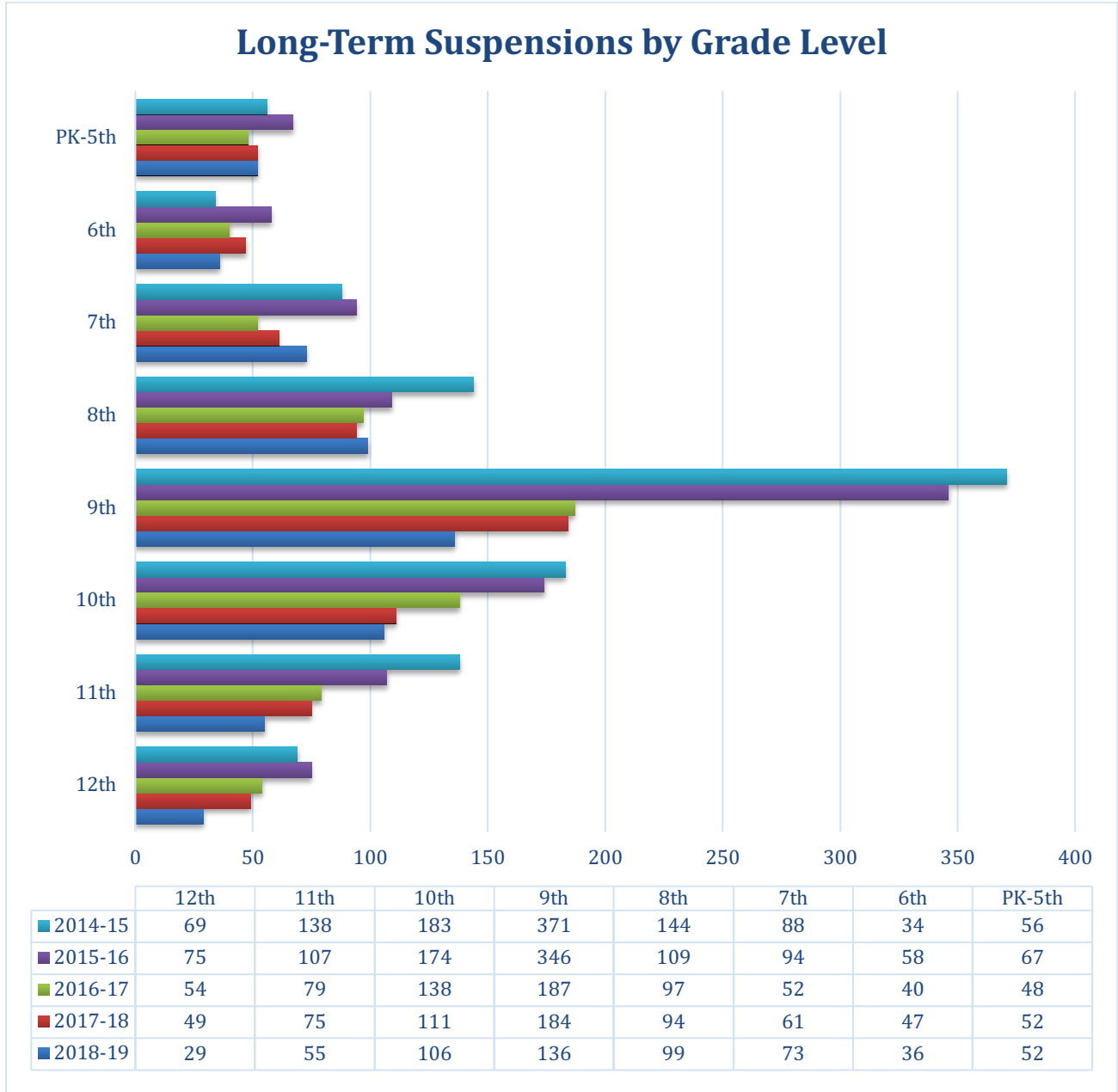
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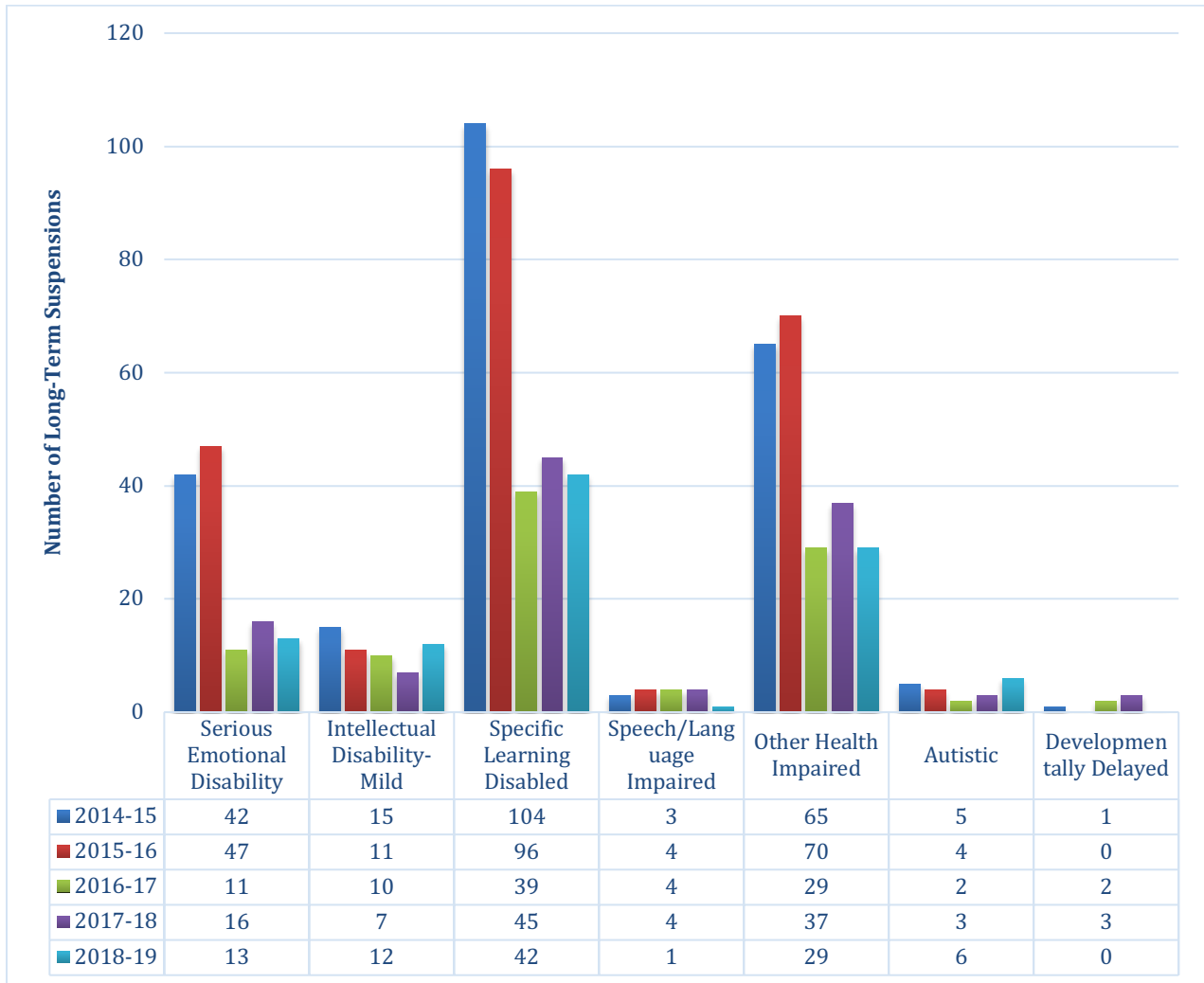
- Long-term suspension rates for American Indian male students, Hispanic male students, and White male students decreased the previous academic year, but that improvement is only mirrored for their female peers who were Two or More Races.

*FIGURE S14. LONG-TERM SUSPENSIONS BY GRADE LEVEL*



- Ninth graders received the greatest number of long-term suspensions for the fifth year in a row.
- The number of long-term suspensions for ninth grade students has decreased 63% since 2014-2015.
- In 2018-2019, seventh, and eighth grades were the only grades to experience an increase in the number of long-term suspensions compared to the 2017-2018 academic year.

**FIGURE S15. LONG-TERM SUSPENSIONS BY LARGEST CATEGORIES OF EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN (EC) STATUS**



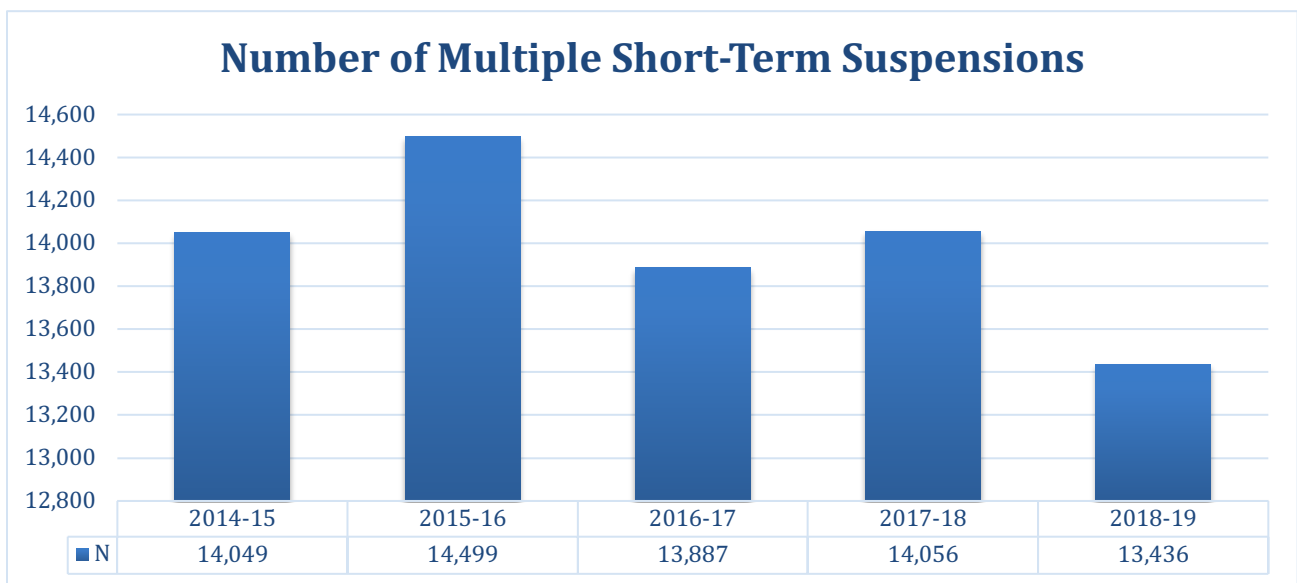
- The number of students with a mild intellectual disability was the only exceptionality to witness an increase in the number of long-term suspensions.
- Since the 2014-2015 academic year, there has been a sharp decrease in the number of long-term suspensions for students in all categories.

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### Section 3. Multiple Suspensions

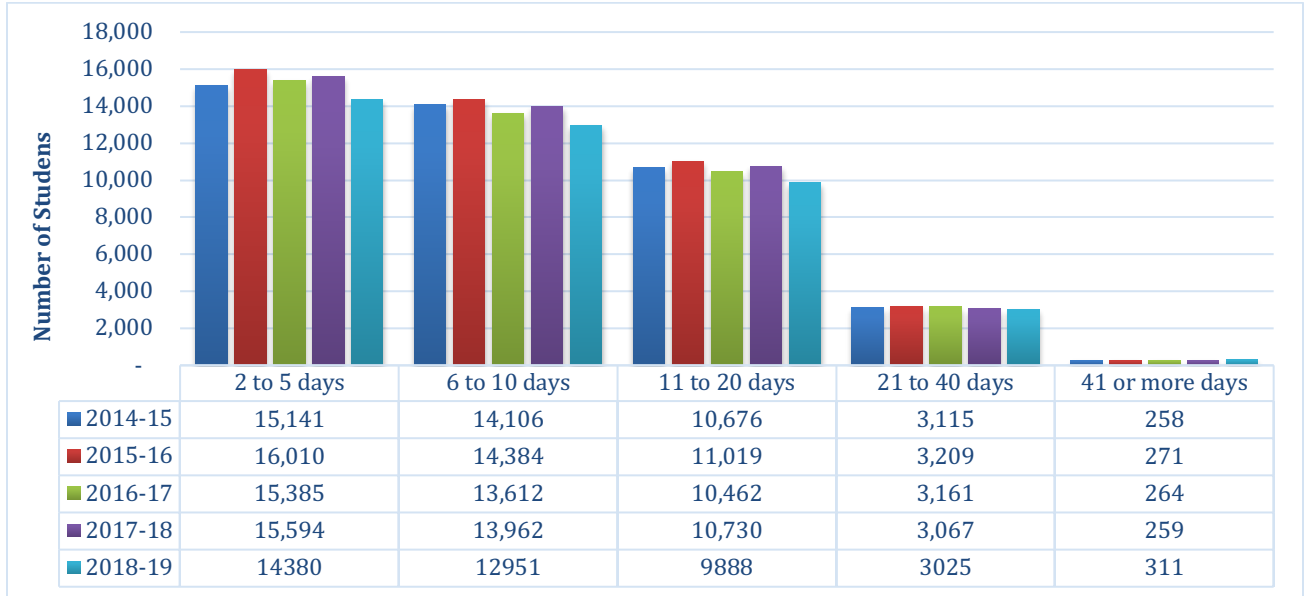
This section reports data for students who were suspended on multiple occasions during the 2018-2019 school year. A short-term suspension will be less than 10 days of schools missed, but multiple suspensions may cause a student to miss more than 10 days of school.

*FIGURE S16. MULTIPLE SHORT-TERM SUSPENSIONS*



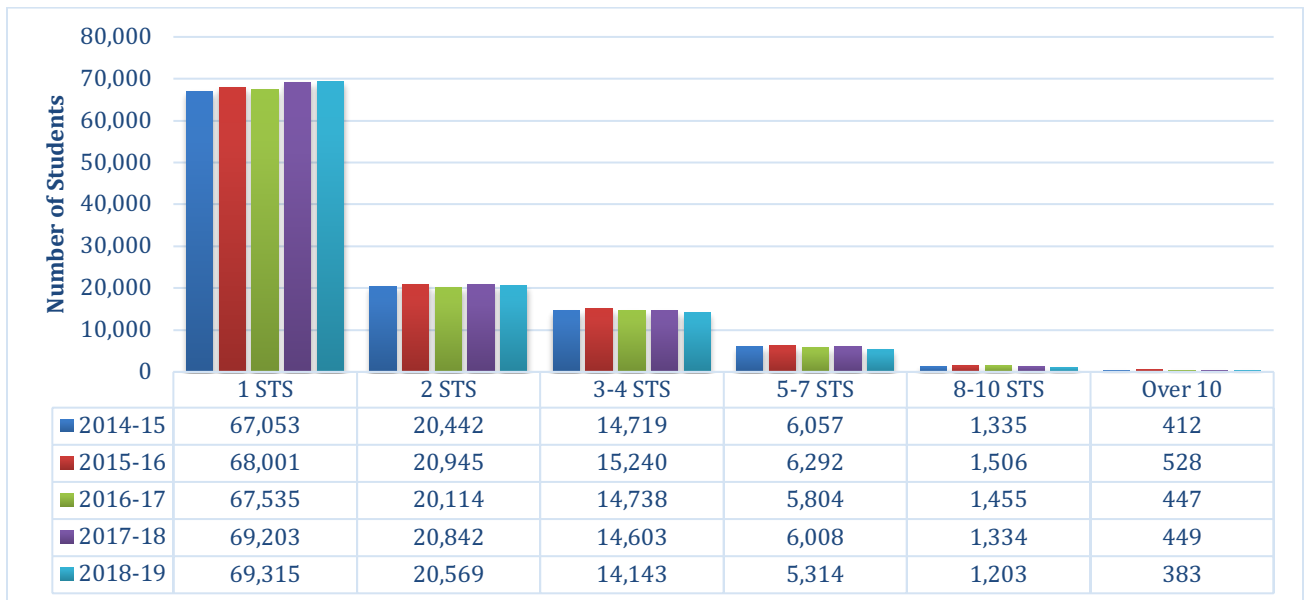
- The number of students whose combined lengths of multiple short-term suspensions exceeded ten days decreased 4.4% from the previous academic year.
- The number of students whose combined lengths of multiple short-term suspensions is at its lowest point since the 2014-2015 academic year.

**FIGURE S17. DURATION OF MULTIPLE SHORT-TERM SUSPENSIONS GIVEN TO STUDENTS**



- The goal should be for students to experience shorter suspensions. In 2018-2019, there were fewer students in all ranges of durations, except for the 41 or more days designation.

**FIGURE S18. NUMBER OF SHORT-TERM SUSPENSIONS RECEIVED BY STUDENTS**



- In 2018-2019, most students who received short-term suspensions received only one. This is consistent with previous years.

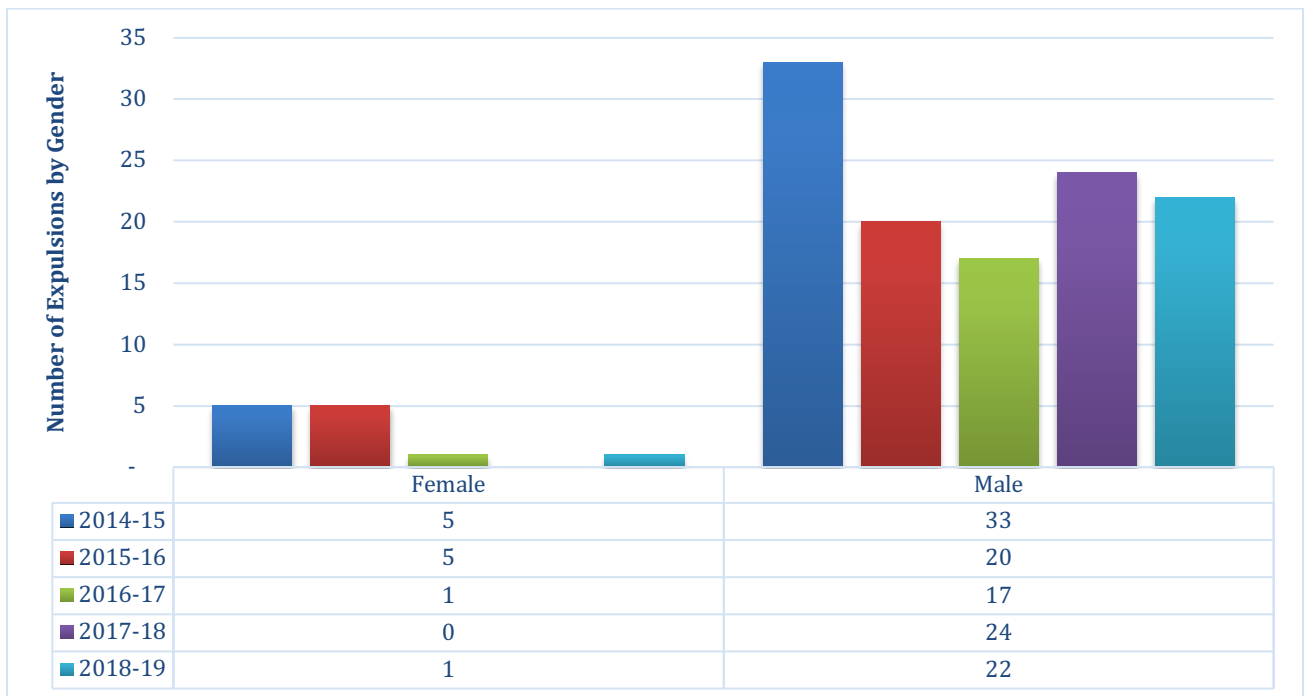
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### Section 4. Expulsions

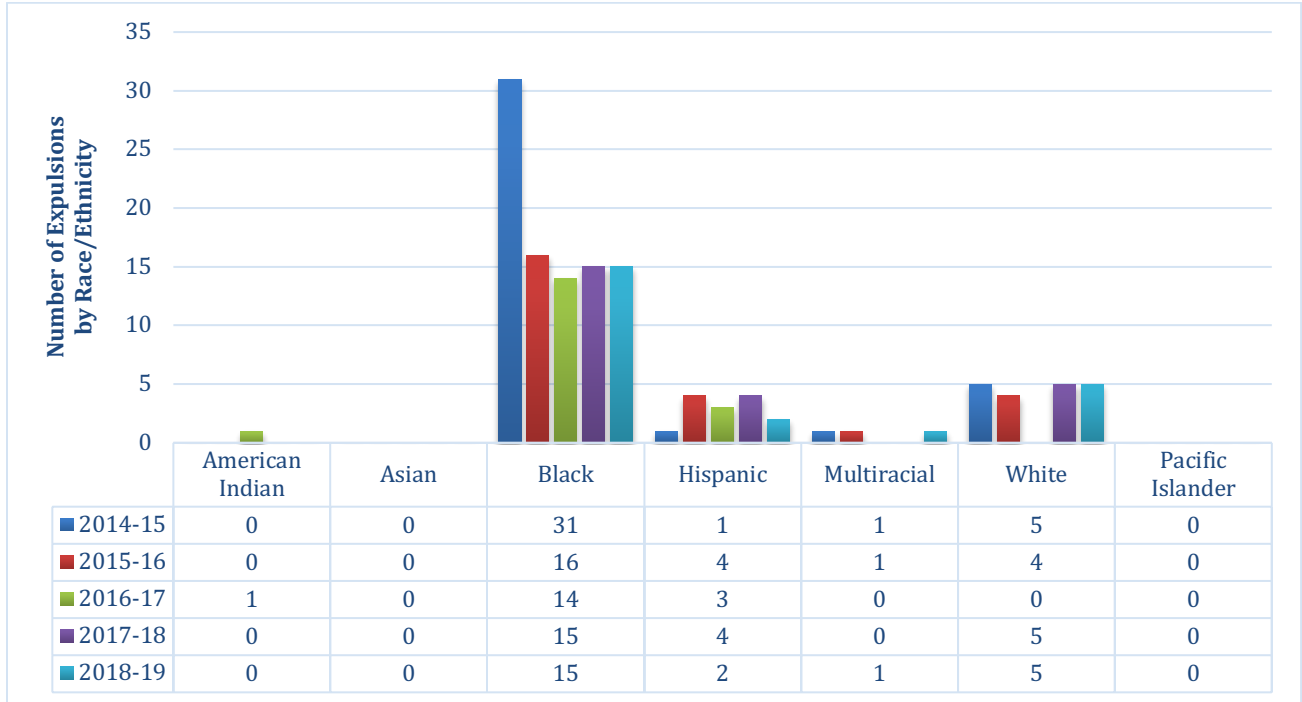
This section reports data for students who were expelled from school during the 2017-18 school year. Generally, students who are expelled from a district are not allowed to continue attending a school in the district; however, some districts allow students to apply for readmission. Other expelled students may apply for admission in another district or at a charter school.

In 2018-2019, there were 23 expulsions in North Carolina schools, an increase of one from the 2017-18 academic year.

*FIGURE S19. EXPULSIONS BY GENDER*



*FIGURE S20. EXPULSIONS BY RACE/ETHNICITY*



- Of the 23 students expelled in 2018-2019, fifteen (65%) were black students, five (21.7%) were white students, and two (8.7%) were Hispanic students.
- The number of expulsions by race/ethnicity did not change significantly from the previous academic year.

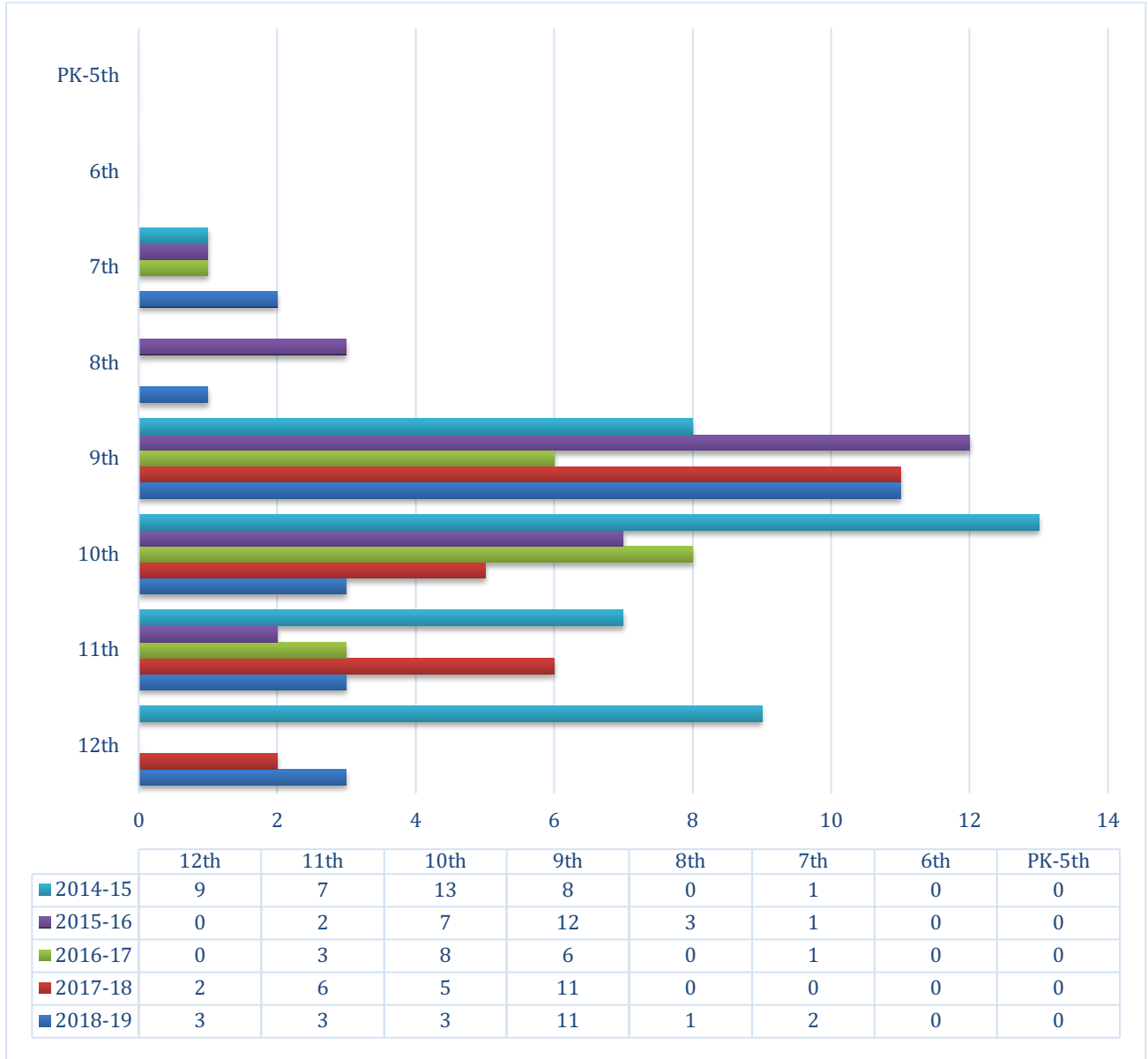
TABLE S1. EXPULSIONS FOR STUDENTS RECEIVING SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

| <b>Special Education Status</b>       | <b>2014-15</b> | <b>2015-16</b> | <b>2016-17</b> | <b>2017-18</b> | <b>2018-19</b> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Developmentally Delayed</b>        | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              |
| <b>Other Health Impaired</b>          | 1              | 0              | 2              | 0              | 2              |
| <b>Serious Emotional Disability</b>   | 0              | 1              | 0              | 0              | 1              |
| <b>Intellectual Disability - Mild</b> | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              |
| <b>Specific Learning Disabled</b>     | 3              | 2              | 2              | 2              | 3              |
| <b>Speech/Language Impaired</b>       | 0              | 0              | 0              | 1              | 0              |

- Of the 23 students expelled in 2018-2019, six (26%) were students receiving special education services.
- The number of students with special needs who were expelled in 2018-2019 increased from three in the 2017-2018 year to six in 2018-2019.



*FIGURE S21. EXPULSIONS BY GRADE LEVEL*



- Ninth graders received the most expulsions in the 2018-2019 academic year, which is consistent with the previous year.
- Most expulsions came from the high school grades.

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### **Section 5. Suspensions and Expulsions by LEA**

Further and more detailed information can be found online at:

<http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/research/discipline/reports/>. Unlike the 2017-2018 Consolidated Data Report, charter schools are included in the tables as opposed to providing them as a separate table. Specifically, the following tables can be found online:

- Counts of short-term suspensions in all LEAs and charter schools for each gender/race combination.
- In addition to the counts of short-term suspensions, the number of days of short-term suspensions, the average duration (in number of days) of short-term suspension, and the short-term suspension rate for all LEAs and charter schools.
- Counts of long-term suspensions in all LEAs and charter schools for each gender/race combination.
- Counts of expulsions in all LEAs and charter schools for each gender/race combination.

# 2018-2019 USES OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

## **Introduction and General Findings**

This report delivers disaggregated data on uses of corporal punishment per G.S. 115C-12(27). Corporal punishment uses are disaggregated by Local Education Agency (LEA), gender, race/ethnicity, grade level, type of disability, and reason for punishment.

Although some corporal punishment data has been captured for some LEAs over many years, 2010-11 was the first year that all uses of corporal punishment were required to be reported. In the 2018-2019 academic year, zero school districts reported the use of corporal punishment. In the 2017-2018 academic year, two LEAs employed corporal punishment for a total of 60 uses, 15 less than the 75 reported uses in the 2016-2017 academic year.

# 2018-2019 STUDENT REASSIGNMENTS FOR DISCIPLINARY PURPOSES

## Introduction

This report delivers disaggregated data on students reassigned for disciplinary purposes per G.S. 115C-12(27). In North Carolina, when students are reassigned to an area apart from the regular classroom for a relatively short period of time, the action is classified as an in-school suspension. Many assignments to in-school suspensions are for a single day or only part of a day. Some assignments last multiple days. Students given in-school suspensions are usually provided with assignments from their teacher.

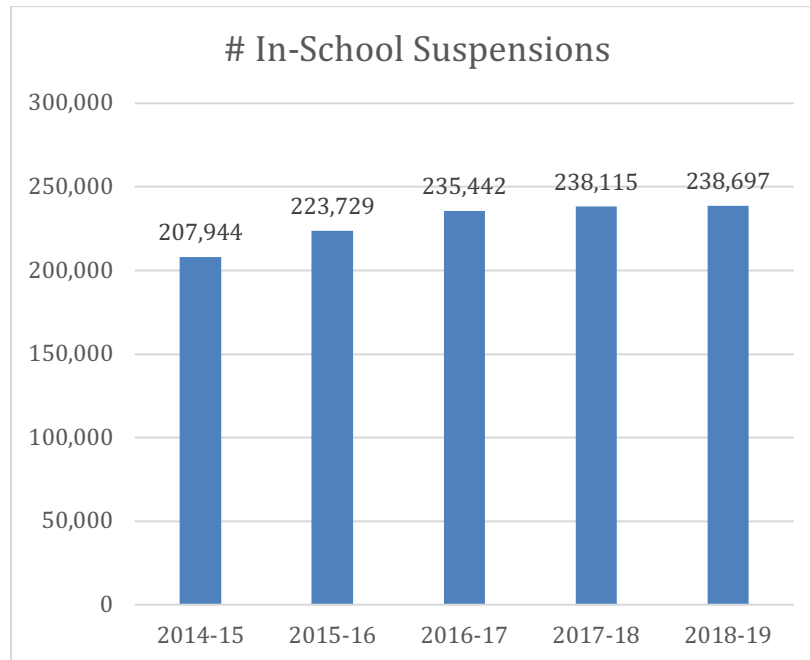
Students who are reassigned for longer periods of time attend Alternative Learning Programs and Schools (ALPSs). ALPSs have their own teachers who provide instruction to students. Decisions to reassign a student to an ALPS usually involve input from the LEA level as well as the schools involved. ALPSs include programs located within schools, programs at off-site locations, and stand-alone schools.

## 2018-2019 STUDENT REASSIGNMENTS FOR DISCIPLINARY PURPOSES

### General Findings

In 2018-19, North Carolina public schools assigned 238,697 in-school suspensions of a half day or more to 119,323 students. This is a 0.24% increase over the 238,115 in-school suspensions reported in 2017-18.

*FIGURE R1. IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS REPORTS – 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR*



Students spent a total of 355,138 days in in-school suspension. The average length of an in-school suspension was 1.49 days, down 0.67% from the average length of 1.50 days in 2017-18.

In addition, 28,379 partial day in-school suspensions were assigned to 18,363 students; this is a 3.8% decrease from the 29,494 partial day suspensions assigned in 2017-18.

#### Full Day In-School Suspension Demographics

Of the 238,697-full day in-school suspensions, 170,140 were assigned to males and 68,043 were assigned to females (gender information was missing from 514 suspensions).

The table below shows the reported number of full-day in-school suspensions and days of in-school suspension by race/ethnicity. Black students received the most in-school suspensions, followed by white students and Hispanic students.

*TABLE R1. FULL DAY IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS BY RACE/ETHNICITY*

| Race/Ethnicity          | In-School Suspensions | ISS Days |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Asian                   | 3,035                 | 4,919    |
| Black                   | 109,143               | 165,695  |
| Hispanic                | 32,433                | 48,270   |
| American Indian         | 2,364                 | 3,735    |
| Multiracial             | 12,669                | 18,569   |
| Hawaiian/Pacific Island | 246                   | 401      |
| White                   | 78,290                | 113,484  |
| Missing                 | 20                    | 65       |

*TABLE R2. FULL DAY IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS BY GRADE LEVEL, 2018-19*

| Grade Level  | In-School Suspensions | ISS Days |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Kindergarten | 2,532                 | 2,590    |
| 1            | 3,631                 | 3,679    |
| 2            | 4,649                 | 5,168    |
| 3            | 6,183                 | 7,067    |
| 4            | 8,162                 | 9,888    |
| 5            | 9,584                 | 12,574   |
| 6            | 35,045                | 56,204   |
| 7            | 37,949                | 61,715   |
| 8            | 33,107                | 52,778   |
| 9            | 35,912                | 54,050   |
| 10           | 26,986                | 40,280   |
| 11           | 19,636                | 28,458   |
| 12           | 14,794                | 20,607   |

Table R2 displays in-school suspensions by grade level. Seventh graders received the most in-school suspensions (37,949), followed by ninth graders (35,912) and sixth graders (35,045).

*TABLE R3. FULL DAY IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS BY EXCEPTIONALITY, 2018-19.*

| Primary Exceptionality             | In-School Suspensions | ISS Days |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Autism                             | 1902                  | 2,630    |
| Developmental Delay                | 715                   | 703      |
| Deafness                           | 8                     | 13       |
| Serious Emotional Disability       | 4,913                 | 7,692    |
| Hearing Impairment                 | 208                   | 345      |
| Intellectual Disability - Mild     | 3,283                 | 5,201    |
| Intellectual Disability - Moderate | 204                   | 271      |
| Intellectual Disability - Severe   | 2                     | 2        |
| Specific Learning Disability       | 20,284                | 30,795   |
| Multiple Disabilities              | 77                    | 84       |
| Other Health Impairment            | 15,998                | 24,229   |
| Orthopedic Impairment              | 19                    | 25       |
| Speech or Language Impairment      | 1,559                 | 1,970    |
| Traumatic Brain Injury             | 110                   | 164      |
| Visual Impairment                  | 50                    | 76       |

Table R3 shows the breakdown of in-school suspensions assigned to special education students by primary exceptionality.

Students are assigned to ALPSs for at least a grading period and sometimes for the remainder of the school year or longer. In 2018-19, schools reported 4,357 assignments of students to ALPSs for disciplinary reasons. Of the 4,357 placements assigned, 61.3% (n=2,694) were also assigned as a short-term suspension, meaning the start of their suspension was less than 11 days until they were placed into an ALP. Additionally, 1.22% (n=53) were assigned as a long-term suspension, meaning they were coded as receiving a long-term remainder of the school year.

Demographics for ALPSs as a Disciplinary Action

In the 2018-19 school year, 3,099 males and 1,255 females were assigned to alternative learning programs or schools for disciplinary reasons.

*TABLE R4. ALP AS A DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY RACE/ETHNICITY, 2018-19*

| Race/Ethnicity            | # ALP Assignments |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Asian                     | 49                |
| Black                     | 2,814             |
| Hispanic                  | 552               |
| American Indian           | 57                |
| Multiracial               | 225               |
| Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | 3                 |
| White                     | 654               |
| Total                     | 4,354             |

Table R4 shows the breakdown by race/ethnicity. Black students were assigned to ALPs for disciplinary reasons the most often, followed by white students and Hispanic students.

*TABLE R5. ALP AS A DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY GRADE LEVEL, 2018-19*

| Grade Level  | # ALP Assignments |
|--------------|-------------------|
| Kindergarten | 18                |
| 1            | 43                |
| 2            | 5                 |
| 3            | 43                |
| 4            | 40                |
| 5            | 48                |
| 6            | 500               |
| 7            | 824               |
| 8            | 678               |
| 9            | 963               |
| 10           | 579               |
| 11           | 372               |
| 12           | 241               |
| Total        | 4,354             |



Table R5 displays a breakdown by grade level. Ninth graders were most often assigned to ALPSs for disciplinary reasons, followed by seventh graders and eighth graders.

Of the 4,354 ALP assignments for disciplinary reasons, 990 involved students with disabilities. Table R6 shows the primary exceptionality for these students.

*TABLE R6. ALP AS A DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY EXCEPTIONALITY, 2018-19*

| Primary Exceptionality             | # ALP Assignments* |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Autism                             | 22                 |
| Developmental Delay                | 3                  |
| Serious Emotional Disability       | 185                |
| Hearing Impairment                 | 3                  |
| Intellectual Disability - Mild     | 93                 |
| Intellectual Disability - Moderate | 4                  |
| Specific Learning Disability       | 355                |
| Other Health Impairment            | 314                |
| Orthopedic Impairment              | 1                  |
| Speech or Language Impairment      | 9                  |
| Traumatic Brain Injury             | 1                  |
| Total                              | 990                |

# 2018-2019 ALTERNATIVE LEARNING PROGRAM & SCHOOL PLACEMENTS

## Introduction



Alternative Learning Programs and Schools (ALPSs) are safe, orderly, caring and inviting learning environments that assist students with overcoming challenges that may place them "at-risk" of academic failure. The goal of each program and school is to provide a rigorous education while developing individual student strengths, talents, and interests.

ALPSs operate with a range of missions and primary target populations. In addition to students who are enrolled because of academic challenges, attendance issues, and life problems (pregnancy, parenting, work), some programs also enroll students with mild, moderate, or severe discipline problems, including suspended or expelled students.

ALPSs are defined as services for students at risk of truancy, academic failure, behavior problems, and/or dropping out of school. These services should be designed to better meet the needs of students who have not been successful in the regular public-school setting.

ALPSs serve students at any level who:

- are suspended and/or expelled
- are at risk of participation in juvenile crime
- have dropped out and desire to return to school
- have a history of truancy
- are returning from juvenile justice settings or psychiatric hospitals
- have learning styles that are better served in an alternative setting

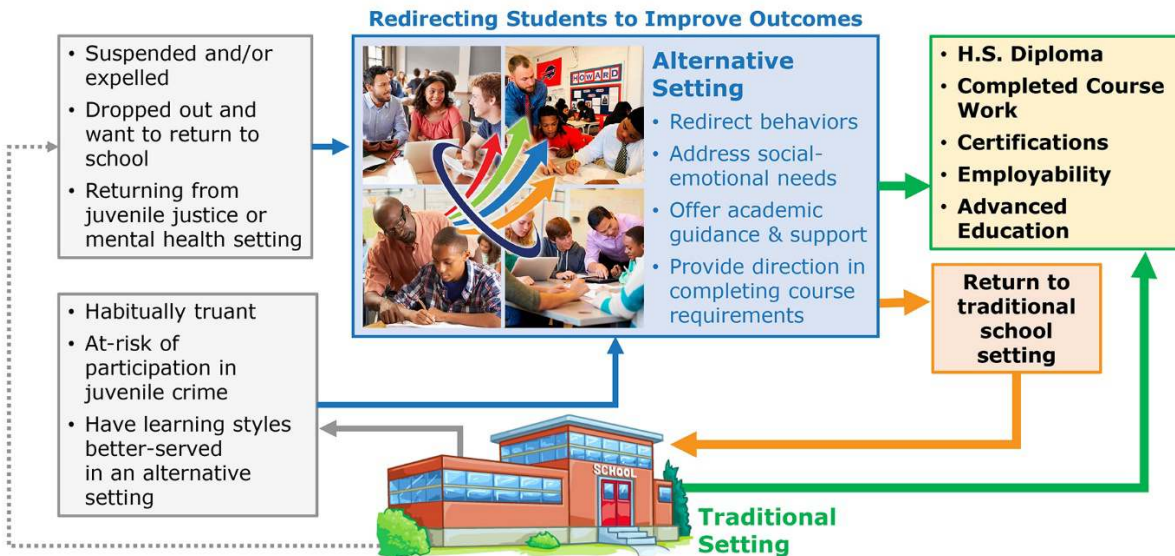
ALPSs should:

- provide the primary instruction for selected at-risk students
- enroll students for a minimum of one academic grading period
- offer course credit or grade-level promotion credit in core academic areas
- provide transition support to and from/between the school of origin and alternative learning program
- provide smaller classes and/or student/teacher

## Programs vs. Schools

- **Alternative Learning Programs** are established in affiliation with a traditional accredited school. The information that is generated by the participants of the program becomes a part of the history and documentation of a traditional school. A program may be housed within a school, on the same site, or at a different location within the district.
- **Alternative Learning Schools** serve at-risk students and have an organizational designation based on the DPI assignment of an official school code. An alternative school is different from a regular public school and provides choices of routes to completion of school. For most students, the goal is to return to the regular public school. Alternative schools may vary from other schools in such areas as teaching methods, hours, curriculum, or sites, and they are intended to meet specific learning needs.

Below is a flowchart showing the various paths students may take entering and existing alternative learning environments.



*Student Pathways - Entering and Existing ALPS*

More information about Alternative Learning Programs and Schools is available at <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/alp/>.

## 2018-2019 ALTERNATIVE LEARNING PROGRAM & SCHOOL PLACEMENTS

### General Findings

This section reports total placements in Alternative Learning Programs and Schools (ALPS) regardless of the reason for the placement. ALPSs reported 12,364 student placements in the 2018-19 school year, a 3.0% decrease from 2017-18.

There were 11,292 unique/individual students placed in ALPSs over the course of the 2018-19 school year, a decrease of 0.26% from 2017-19. Only 17% of the placements were for the entire school year. About 57% of the placements were for one semester or less.

Students are assigned to alternative schools and programs for a variety of purposes. In many cases, students are assigned for behavior reasons, either to address chronic behavioral issues or because an infraction was committed that would have resulted in a long-term suspension were it not for the alternative program option. Many students are assigned to ALPSs for academic reasons, usually so they can benefit from low student-teacher ratios and the targeted assistance employed by ALPS teachers. In some LEAs, parents and/or students can request placement in an ALPS for academic or other reasons. In general, students are assigned to ALPSs because they are at-risk in some way or unable to perform optimally in a traditional school environment.

When students are placed in an alternative learning program or school, a code is entered to designate the main reason for the placement. Table A1 below shows the various reasons students are assigned to ALPSs; the most frequently reported reason was chronic misbehavior.

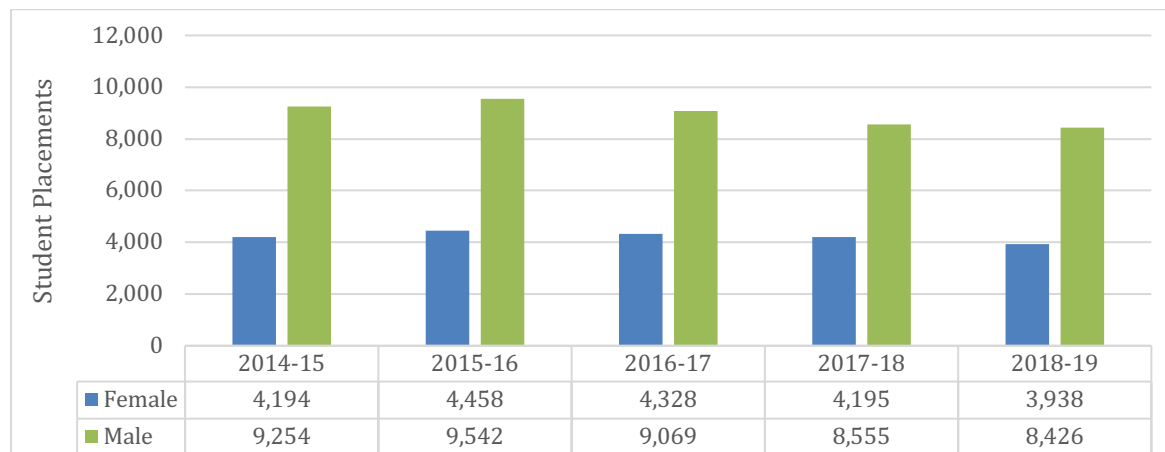
*TABLE A1. REASONS FOR STUDENT ASSIGNMENTS TO ALTERNATIVE LEARNING PROGRAMS & SCHOOLS (2018-19)*

| <b>Reason for Placement</b>                        | <b>Count</b> | <b>Percent</b> |
|--|--------------|----------------|
| <b>Chronic misbehavior</b>                         | 4,262        | 33.4           |
| <b>Instead of long-term suspension</b>             | 1,747        | 13.7           |
| <b>Student and/or parent choice</b>                | 1,699        | 13.3           |
| <b>Academic difficulty</b>                         | 1,673        | 13.1           |
| <b>Emotional and/or psychological problems</b>     | 745          | 5.8            |
| <b>Transfer from ALP or other facility</b>         | 614          | 4.8            |
| <b>Academic acceleration or credit recovery</b>    | 565          | 4.4            |
| <b>Attendance problem</b>                          | 525          | 4.1            |
| <b>Dropout recovery</b>                            | 224          | 1.8            |
| <b>Result of EC hearing for discipline reasons</b> | 219          | 1.7            |
| <b>Personal and/or family problem</b>              | 184          | 1.4            |
| <b>Felony charge</b>                               | 179          | 1.4            |
| <b>Pregnancy related</b>                           | 67           | 0.5            |
| <b>Result of EC Hearing for academic reasons</b>   | 36           | 0.3            |
| <b>Employment related</b>                          | 9            | 0.1            |

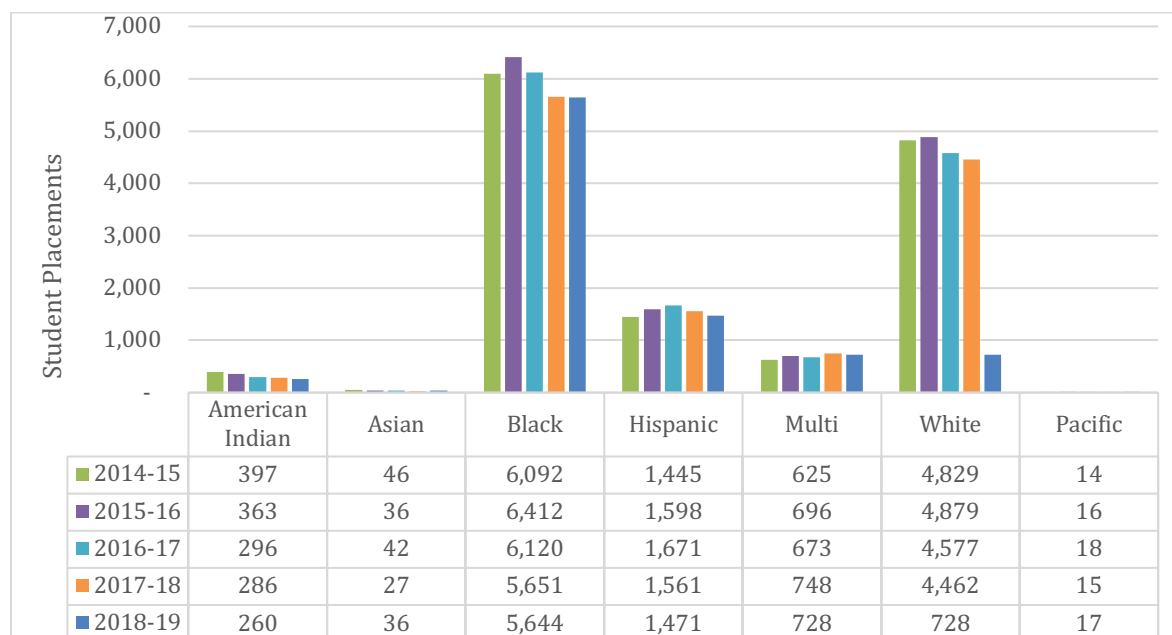
## Demographics

As shown in Figures A1 and A2 below, more males were placed in alternative learning programs and schools than females, and black students were placed more frequently than other ethnic groups. For the 2018-19 school year, black and American Indian students were placed at the highest rate (14.5 and 14.4% respectively, as measured by placements per 1000 students), followed by multiracial students. The grade level most frequently placed was ninth (see Figure A4).

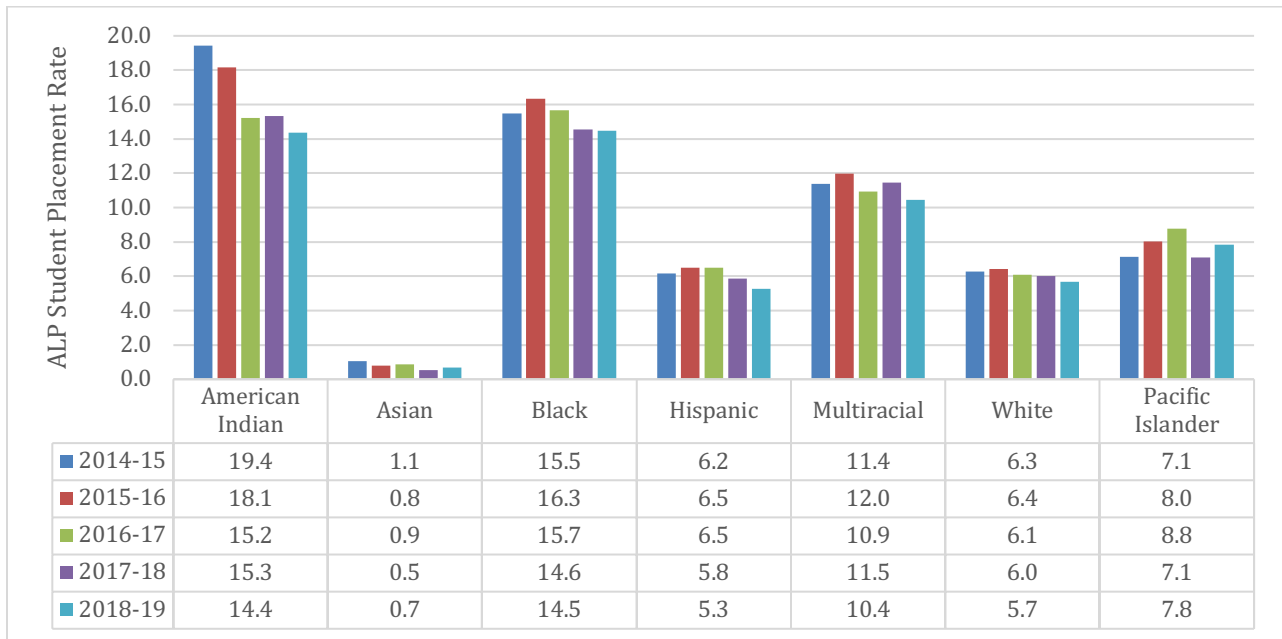
**FIGURE A1. ALP PLACEMENTS BY GENDER**



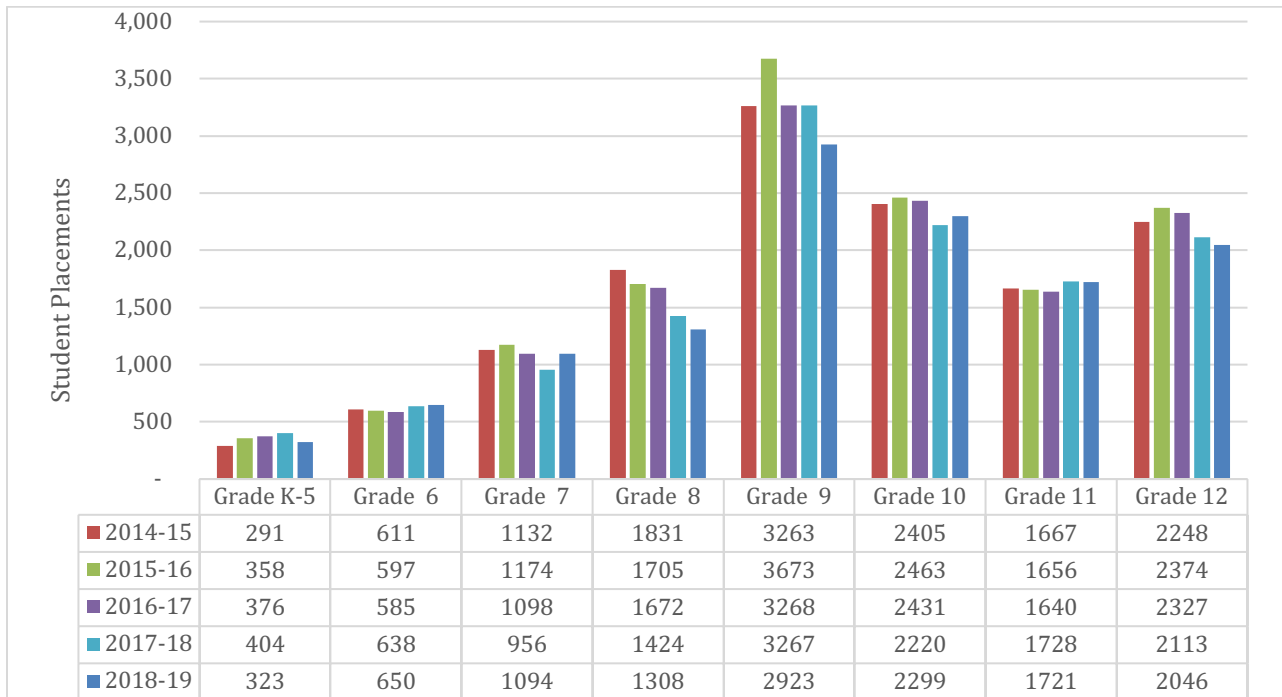
**FIGURE A2. ALP PLACEMENTS BY RACE/ETHNICITY**



**FIGURE A3. ALP PLACEMENT RATE BY RACE/ETHNICITY (PLACEMENTS PER 1,000 STUDENTS)**



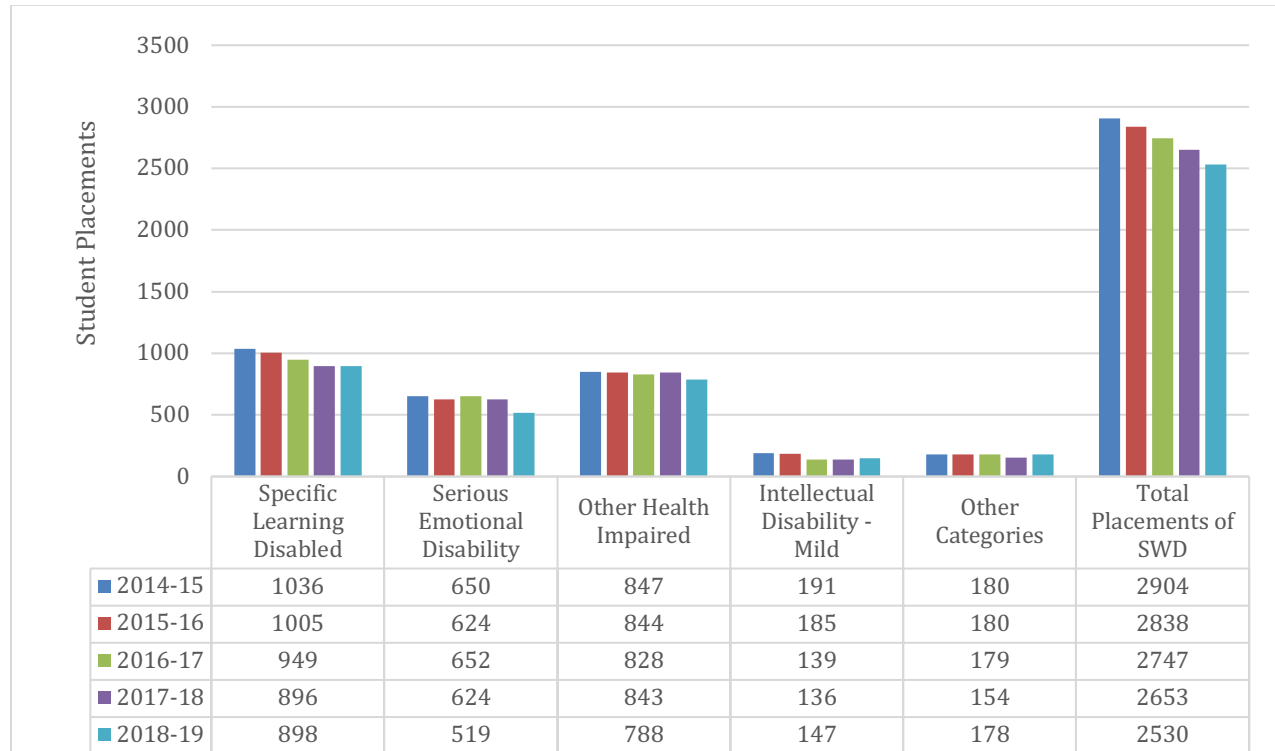
**FIGURE A4. ALP PLACEMENTS BY GRADE LEVEL**



## Students with Disabilities

In the 2018-19 school year, there were 2,530 placements of students with disabilities (SWD) in ALPSs (students with disabilities are also referred to as exceptional children). These placements comprised 20.5% of all ALPS placements. Figure A5 below illustrates by year the numbers of students with disabilities placed in alternative programs.

**FIGURE A5. ALP PLACEMENTS BY PRIMARY EXCEPTIONALITY**



# 2018-2019 DROPOUT COUNTS AND RATES

## Introduction

To meet the requirements of North Carolina General Statute 115C-12(27), dropouts are reported for each Local Educational Agency (LEA) and charter school in the state, and “event dropout rates” are computed. The event dropout rate, or simply the “dropout rate,” is the number of students in a designated grade span dropping out in one year, divided by a measure of the total students in that grade span. Rates are calculated for grades 7-12 and 9-12. Grade 13 is included in these rates for districts with Early Colleges.

The dropout rate is calculated as follows:

$$\frac{100 \times \text{Number of 2018-2019 Dropouts}}{(\text{20th Day Membership 2018-19} + \text{Number of 2018-19 Dropouts})}$$

A student is considered a dropout if they attended any part of the 2018-2019 academic year and did not return to school for the 2019-2020 academic year. Specifically, the dropout designation was given to any student who withdrew during the 2018-2019 academic year and was not enrolled on the 20th school day of 2019-2020 and - any student who completed the 2018-2019 school year and did not enroll and attend at least one day during the first twenty days of 2019-2020.

Event rates are also referred to as “duplicate” rates because a single individual may be counted as a dropout more than once if he or she drops out of school in multiple years. However, no student who drops out is counted more than once each year. Dropouts do not include students below the compulsory school age or students in Pre-kindergarten or Kindergarten.

A dropout is defined by State Board policy (DROP-001) as “any student who leaves school for any reason before graduation or completion of a program of studies without transferring to another elementary or secondary school.” For reporting purposes, a dropout is a student who was enrolled at some time during the previous school year, but who was not enrolled (and who does not meet reporting exclusions) on day 20 of the current school year. Schools that cannot document a former student’s enrollment in a United States school must report that student as a dropout. An exception is made for students who are known to have left the country.

Schools may exclude “initial enrollees” from their dropout count. These are students who leave school within twenty days of their first enrollment in a particular LEA. Other reporting exclusions include expelled students and students who transfer to a private school, home school, or a state-approved educational program. Students who are not enrolled on day 20 because they have serious illnesses or are serving suspensions are also not counted as dropouts. Since 1998, students who leave the public schools to attend community colleges have been counted as dropouts. Students who are expelled from a school and who fail to return to school are coded with “Expulsion” (EXPL) as the reason for dropping out. In accordance with NC General Statute



§115C-12 (21), expelled students are not to be counted in the dropout rate, therefore, these dropout events are not included in the official counts or rates that appear in this report.

Beginning with the 2015-16 data collection LEAs could be granted an exception for students who leave school to attend an Adult High School program at the local community college if the district has an affiliation agreement with the college and the students are tracked for continuous enrollment. In these cases, LEAs are required to submit the students in the dropout collection, but the dropouts do not count in the statistics. The School Data Division of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction compiles dropout data entered by schools and/or LEAs. The data are self-reported by the districts, and the State agency does not conduct an official audit.

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### **General Findings**

#### Dropout Rates

- Over half of LEAs (51.5%) witnessed a decrease in their high school dropout rates from the previous academic year.
- The North Carolina high school dropout rate for the 2018-2019 academic year decreased for the second year in a row to 2.01%.
- LEAs reporting the lowest high school dropout rates were Franklin County, Alexander County, Yadkin County, Ashe County, and Whiteville City. LEAs reporting the highest high school dropout rates were Swain County, Northampton County, Martin County, Edgecombe County, and Durham County.
- LEAs with the largest 3-year percentage decreases in high school dropout rate (2015-2016 to 2018-2019) were Franklin County, Alexander County, Yadkin County, Whiteville City, and Ashe County. LEAs with the largest 3-year percentage increases were Newton Conover City, Avery County, Jones County, Caldwell County, and Yancey County.

#### Dropout Counts

- Grades 9-13 reported 9,512 dropouts in 2018-2019, a decrease of 9.6% from the total of 10,523 reported in 2017-2018, and a 14% decrease from the 2016-2017 academic year.

#### Gender, Race, and Grade

- Dropout rates for all race/ethnic groups – except American Indian students and Pacific Islander females – decreased from the 2017-2018 academic year. The dropout rate for Pacific Islander females increased 38.4%, the greatest percentage increase of all race/ethnic groups. Relatedly, the greatest decrease (28.5%) in the dropout rate was reported for Pacific Islander males.
- Male students accounted for 63% of the reported dropouts.

#### Reason Codes

- Attendance issues were again cited most frequently as the main reason for a student dropping out, accounting for almost half (45.7%) of all dropouts. The second and third most widely reported dropout reason codes were unknown at 9.3% and lack of engagement with school and/or peers at 8.95%.

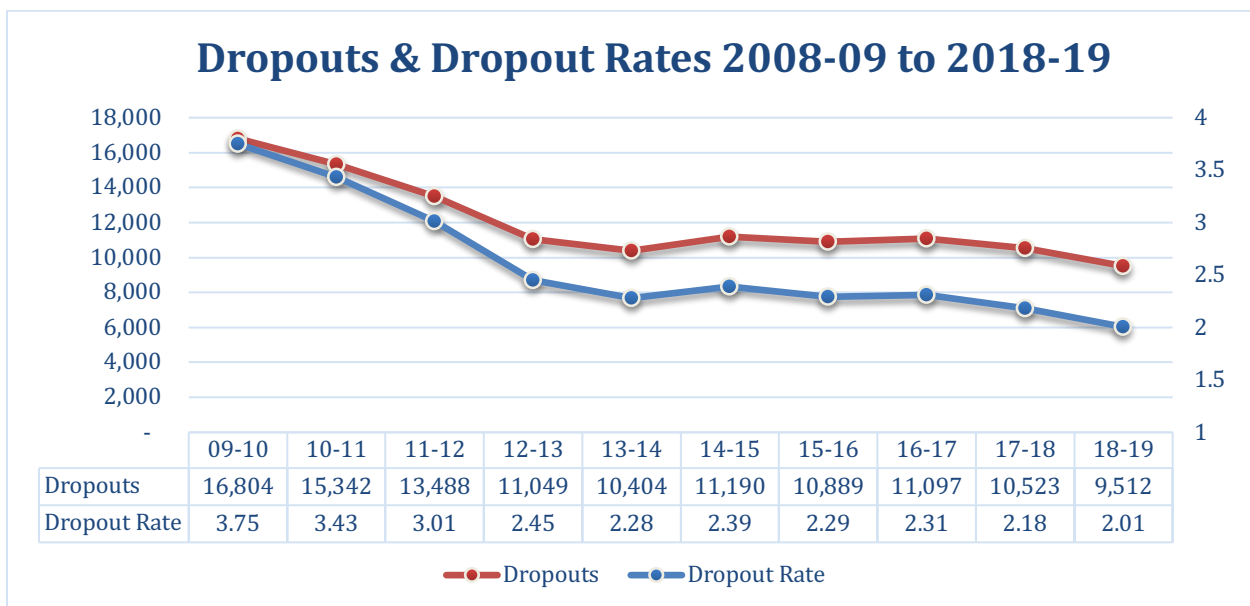
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### Trends and Categorical Data

#### Dropout Rates Over Time

While the North Carolina high school dropout rate for the 2018-2019 academic year decreased only a few points from the 2017-2018 dropout rate, since the 2008-2019 academic year, the dropout rate has decreased 46%.

*FIGURE D1. DROPOUT NUMBERS AND RATES (PER 100 STUDENTS) 2008-2009 TO 2018-2019*



#### Exception for dropouts attending Community College Adult High School Programs

The State Board of Education amended policy DROP-000 in 2015, creating the W2T withdrawal code designation for students leaving school to attend an Adult High School program at the local Community College. These students continue to be reported as dropouts along with all students leaving school for community colleges, but they are not counted in the statistics if the following conditions are met:

- the community college program is Adult High School, not GED or some other program,
- the LEA has an Agreement of Affiliation with the community college regarding the Adult High School program, and
- the students are tracked for continuous enrollment (meaning both fall and spring semesters).

If a student does not maintain continuous enrollment in the Adult High School program the school must change the W2T designation to W2 (non-completer) and report the student as a dropout in the next dropout data collection. There were 305 W2T-coded dropouts reported by 55 LEAs and 7 charter schools.

Dropouts by Grade Level

In the 2018-2019 academic year, students dropped out most frequently at grade 10 (29.9%), followed by grade 9 (26.3%), grade 11 (24.4%), and grade 12 (14.6%). The high school grade with the largest percentage decrease in dropouts from the 2017-18 academic year was ninth grade (11.5%) followed by twelfth grade (10.5%).

*FIGURE D2. FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION OF DROPOUTS BY GRADE LEVEL*



### Reasons for Dropping Out

In most districts, school social workers or school counselors are responsible for documenting the reasons for dropping out. By their very nature, dropout events can be difficult to investigate, leading to circumstances when school officials must provide an “approximate” reason for a student’s leaving school. A reason code of MOVE is often used when the student cannot be located. The attendance (ATTD) reason code frequently has been used when one of the more specific reasons was not applicable. The Dropout Data Collecting and Reporting Procedures Manual states that ATTD should be used when “the student dropped out due to excessive absences that caused the student to become ineligible or in jeopardy of becoming ineligible to receive course credits.” Year after year, ATTD is by far the most frequently reported reason code. ATTD accounted for 45.76% of all reasons for dropping out in 2018-2019. Table D1 displays the frequencies of all reason codes that were submitted for dropout events that occurred in grades 9 through 13.

*TABLE D1. HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT REASON CODES REPORTED IN 2018-2019*

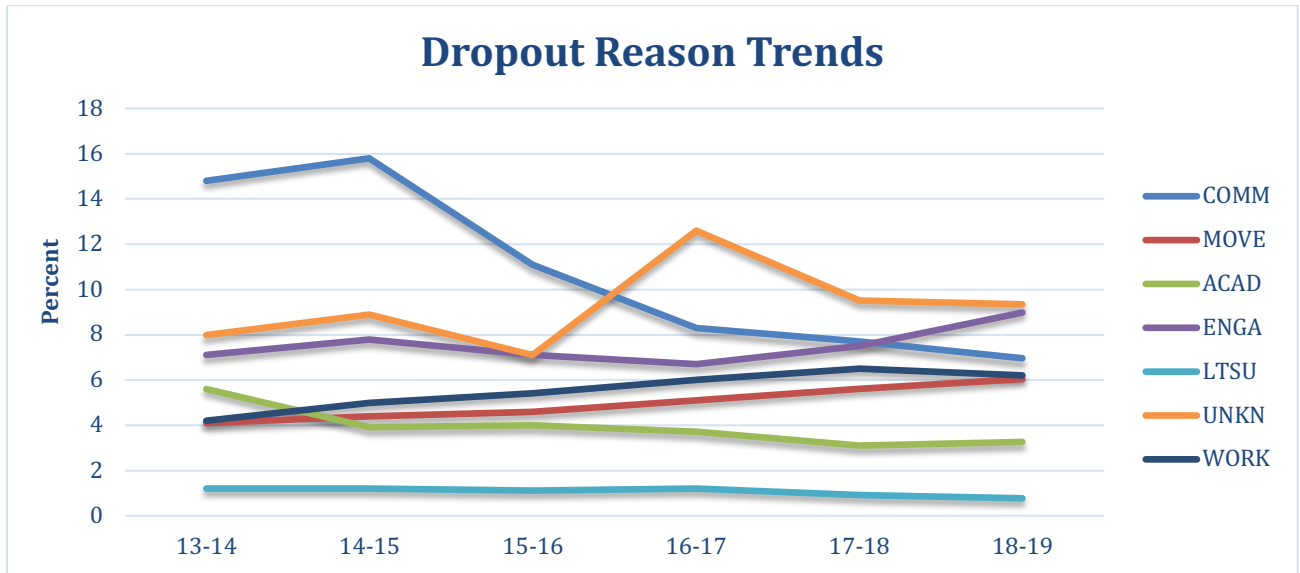
| <b>Reason</b>   | <b>Code</b> | <b>Count</b> | <b>Percent</b> |
|---|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| <b>Attendance</b>                                     | ATTD        | 4353         | 45.76          |
| <b>Unknown</b>  | UNKN        | 883          | 9.28           |
| <b>Lack of engagement with school and/or peers</b>    | ENGA        | 851          | 8.95           |
| <b>Enrollment in a community college</b>              | COMM        | 659          | 6.93           |
| <b>Choice of work over school</b>                     | WORK        | 590          | 6.2            |
| <b>Moved, school status unknown</b>                   | MOVE        | 572          | 6.01           |
| <b>Academic problems</b>                              | ACAD        | 310          | 3.26           |
| <b>Unstable home environment</b>                      | HOME        | 186          | 1.96           |
| <b>Incarcerated in adult facility</b>                 | INCR        | 162          | 1.7            |
| <b>Discipline problem</b>                             | DISC        | 164          | 1.72           |
| <b>Psychological or emotional difficulties</b>        | PSEM        | 141          | 1.48           |
| <b>Runaway</b>  | RNAW        | 108          | 1.14           |
| <b>Pregnancy</b>                                      | PREG        | 91           | 0.96           |
| <b>Health problems</b>                                | HEAL        | 75           | 0.79           |
| <b>Failure to return after a long-term suspension</b> | LTSU        | 73           | 0.77           |
| <b>Need to care for children</b>                      | CHLD        | 72           | 0.76           |
| <b>Employment necessary</b>                           | EMPL        | 71           | 0.75           |
| <b>Difficulties with English language</b>             | LANG        | 49           | 0.52           |
| <b>Expectations of culture, family, or peers</b>      | EXPC        | 48           | 0.5            |
| <b>Suspected substance abuse</b>                      | ABUS        | 47           | 0.49           |
| <b>Marriage</b>                                       | MARR        | 7            | 0.07           |

*TABLE D2. CHANGES IN THE PROPORTIONS OF REASON CODES REPORTED FROM 2017-2018 TO 2018-2019*

| <b>Reason</b>   | <b>Percent of Codes Reported</b> |         | <b>Change in Percent</b> |
|---|----------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|
|   | 2017-18                          | 2018-19 |                          |
| <b>Attendance</b>                                     | 47.3                             | 45.7    | -1.6                     |
| <b>Unknown</b>  | 9.5                              | 9.3     | -0.2                     |
| <b>Enrollment in a community college</b>              | 7.7                              | 9.0     | 1.3                      |
| <b>Lack of engagement with school and/or peers</b>    | 7.5                              | 7.0     | -0.5                     |
| <b>Choice of work over school</b>                     | 6.5                              | 6.2     | -0.3                     |
| <b>Moved, school status unknown</b>                   | 5.6                              | 6.0     | 0.4                      |
| <b>Academic problems</b>                              | 3.1                              | 3.3     | 0.2                      |
| <b>Incarcerated in adult facility</b>                 | 2.1                              | 2.0     | -0.1                     |
| <b>Unstable home environment</b>                      | 1.7                              | 1.7     | 0.0                      |
| <b>Discipline problem</b>                             | 1.5                              | 1.7     | 0.2                      |
| <b>Runaway</b>  | 0.9                              | 1.5     | 0.6                      |
| <b>Failure to return after a long-term suspension</b> | 0.9                              | 1.1     | 0.2                      |
| <b>Pregnancy</b>                                      | 0.8                              | 1.0     | 0.2                      |
| <b>Psychological or emotional difficulties</b>        | 1.2                              | 0.8     | -0.4                     |
| <b>Need to care for children</b>                      | 1.0                              | 0.8     | -0.2                     |
| <b>Health problems</b>                                | 0.7                              | 0.8     | 0.1                      |
| <b>Employment necessary</b>                           | 0.6                              | 0.7     | 0.1                      |
| <b>Suspected substance abuse</b>                      | 0.7                              | 0.5     | -0.2                     |
| <b>Expectations of culture, family, or peers</b>      | 0.5                              | 0.5     | 0.0                      |
| <b>Difficulties with English language</b>             | 0.1                              | 0.5     | 0.4                      |
| <b>Marriage</b>                                       | 0.1                              | 0.1     | 0.0                      |

The reason codes that had the greatest increase from the previous academic year was 1.3 percentage points in the category of enrollment in a community college (COMM). The largest decrease was 1.6 percentage points in the category of attendance (ATTD). Tracking reason codes over time can assist in identifying family situations, personal issues, external incentives, and school environmental stressors that may lead to dropouts. ATTD (Attendance) has been by far the most frequently cited reason code for many years, accounting for over 40% of dropout reasons. Figure D3 shows the variation in proportions of frequently reported reason codes (other than ATTD) over the last six years.

**FIGURE D3. TRENDS IN PROPORTIONS OF HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT REASON CODES REPORTED, AFTER ATTD**



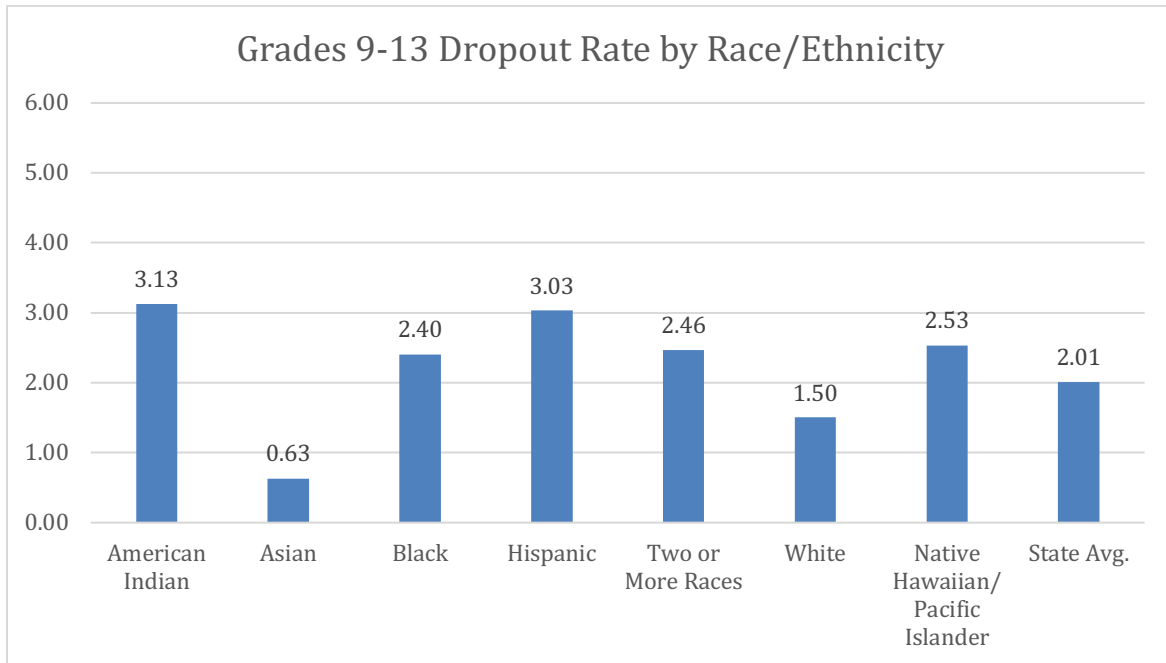
Some things to note from the six-year dropout rate trends depicted above are:

- Considerable variability in the Unknown (UNKN) category.
- An unfortunate increase in the Lack of Engagement with School and/or Peers (ENGA).
- An encouraging and somewhat steady decrease in the Failure to Return after a Long-Term Suspension (LTSU) category.

*TABLE D3. CHANGE IN HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT COUNTS BY RACE/ETHNICITY, 2017-2018 TO 2018-2019.*

| Ethnic Group                             | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | Change |
|--|---------|---------|--------|
| <b>American Indian</b>                   | 184     | 171     | -13    |
| <b>Asian</b>                             | 99      | 92      | -7     |
| <b>Black</b>                             | 3204    | 2828    | -376   |
| <b>Hispanic</b>                          | 2566    | 2357    | -209   |
| <b>Two or More Races</b>                 | 505     | 479     | -26    |
| <b>White</b>                             | 3950    | 3534    | -416   |
| <b>Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander</b> | 15      | 14      | -1     |
| <b>Total</b>                             | 10523   | 9475    | -1048  |

*FIGURE D4. 2018-2019 HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT RATES BY RACE/ETHNICITY.*



American Indian students had the highest dropout rate (3.11), with Hispanic students following closely behind (3.03). Only White and Asian students had dropout rates lower than the state average of 2.1 (dropouts per 100).



**FIGURE D5. HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT RATES FOR RACE/ETHNIC GROUPS, 2014-2015 TO 2018-2019**

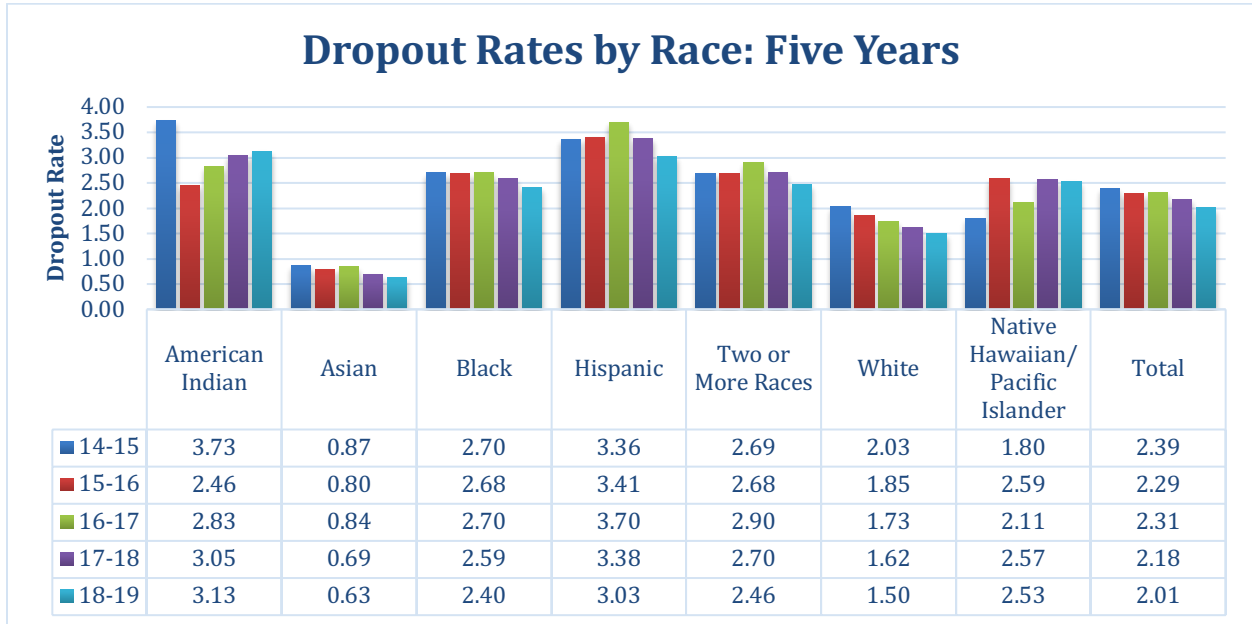
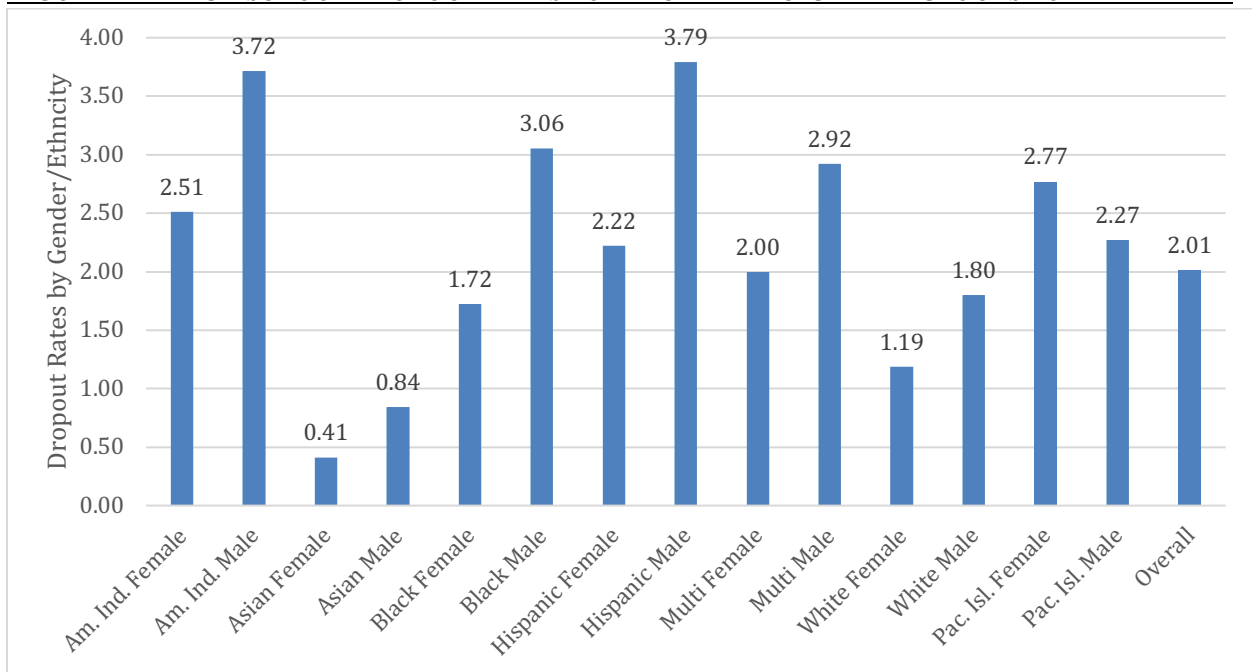


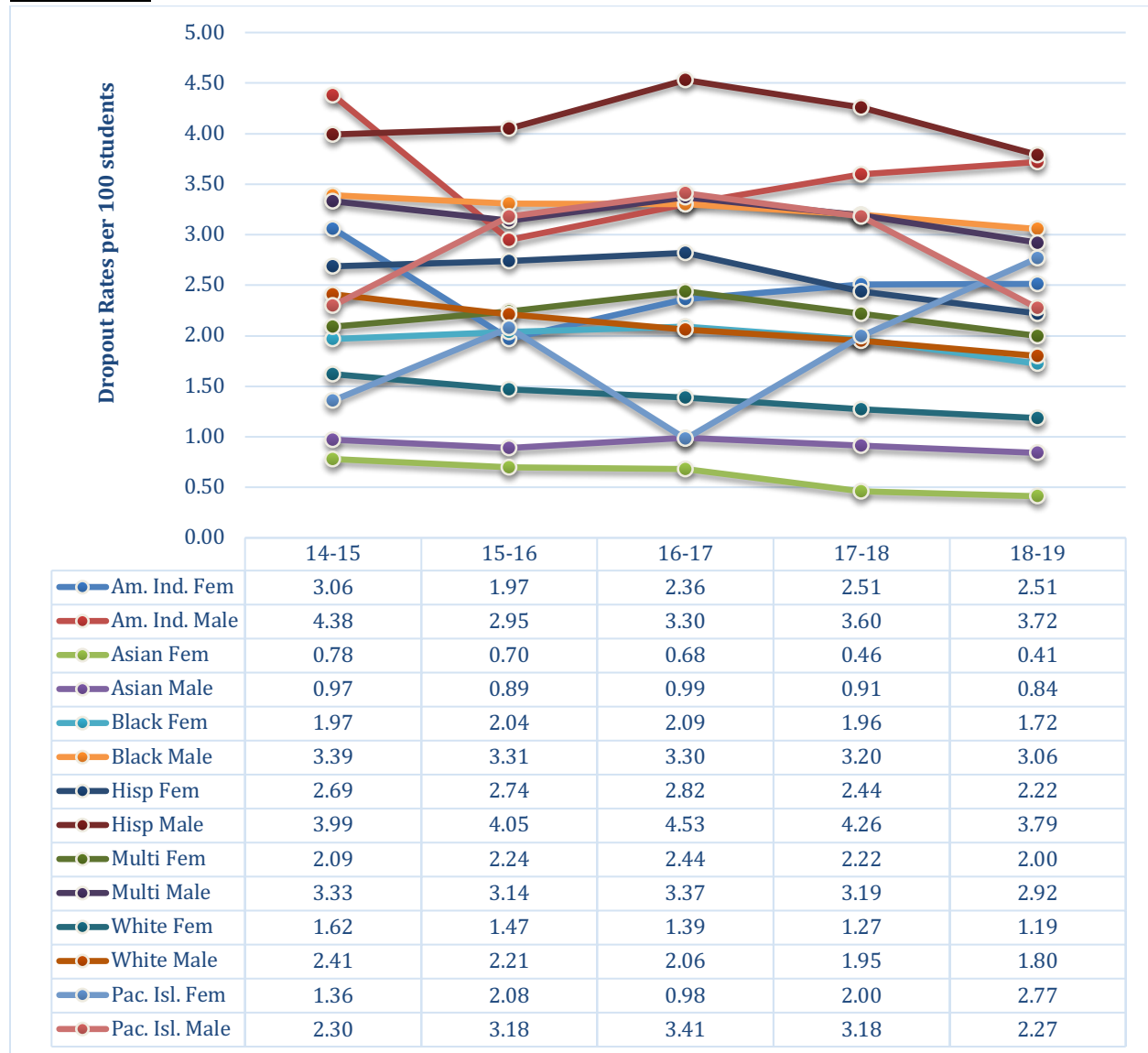
Figure D5 shows the dropout rates for each group over the period of 2014-2015 to 2018-2019. Not only has the state dropout rate decreased over this period, but most race/ethnic groups have also seen a gradual decrease over this period of time. Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islanders have seen an increase (40%) over time but saw a slight decrease from the 2017-2018 academic year.

**FIGURE D6. HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT RATES FOR RACE/ETHNIC-GENDER GROUPS FOR 2018-2019**



Hispanic male students had the highest dropout rate at 3.79, followed by American Indian males at 3.72, and black males at 3.06, multiracial males at 2.92, Pacific Islander females at 2.77, American Indian females at 2.51, Pacific Islander males at 2.27, and Hispanic females at 2.22. All other groups had rates lower than the state average of 2.1.

**FIGURE D7. HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT RATES FOR RACE/ETHNIC-GENDER GROUPS, 2014-2015 TO 2018-2019.**



The overall state dropout rate has been relatively stable over time, yet the dropout rate for Pacific Islander female has increased dramatically. Since the 2014-2015 academic year, the dropout rate for Pacific Islander female students has doubled, even though most other race/ethnic groups have witnessed a decrease in their dropout rates over the last five years, with the exception of multiracial males and females (15.9% and 2%, respectively). The largest dropout rate decreases since 2014-2015 were among Asian females (51.0%) and Asian males (32.8%).