

CPS STUDENT SUSPENSIONS 2009

School suspensions significantly contribute to dropping out of school, and dropping out of school is a significant predictor of incarceration. Dropouts are 3.5 times more likely than high school graduates to be incarcerated in their lifetime (Martin & Halperin, 2006) and 68% of state prisoners are dropouts (Harlow, 2003), demonstrating that the pipeline ends at prisons and jails.

	AMERICAN INDIAN ALASKAN NATIVE	PACIFIC ISLANDER ASIAN	AFRICAN AMERICAN BLACK	WHITE	MULTIRACIAL	HISPANIC	TOTAL
only once							
grade pk-8							
male	10	65	5,310	312	3	1,740	7,440
female	4	13	3,201	83	0	729	4,030
	14	78	8,511	395	3	2,469	11,470
grade 9-12							
male	8	81	81	406	1	4,150	6,820
female	9	38	38	232	1	3,731	5,374
	17	119	119	395	2	7,811	12,194
more than once							
grade pk-8							
male	2	12	4,362	118	1	919	5,414
female	1	1	1,674	21	1	212	1,910
	3	13	6,036	139	2	1,131	7,324
grade 9-12							
male	11	28	4,787	295	1	1,589	6,711
female	4	18	2,936	111	3	620	3,692
	15	46	7,723	406	4	2,209	10,403

CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Chicago Public Schools serves approximately 407,000 students in 675 schools. It is the third largest school district in the country. Data from the Illinois State Board of Education suggests that 23,664 CPS students were suspended once in the 2008-2009 school year. However, traditionally these data undercount the number of actual suspensions that take place in Chicago Public Schools. In addition, they do not count any arrests on school grounds.

DID NOT GO TO SCHOOL BECAUSE THEY FELT UNSAFE

CH 15.1%

US 5.0%

THREATENED OR INJURED ON SCHOOL PROPERTY 1/1+ TIMES

CH 13.2%

US 7.7%

PHYSICAL FIGHT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY 1+ TIMES

CH 20.6%

US 11.1%

High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey (CDC, 2009)

ARRESTS IN CHICAGO - ARRESTS AT SCHOOL

According to the Chicago Police Department, there were 18,287 arrests of youth 16 and under in 2009 in the city of Chicago.

CHARGE TYPE

2008 2009 % change

TOTAL NUMBER OF ARRESTS OF PERSONS 16 & UNDER (CITY OF CHICAGO, 2008 & 2009)

FELONY	5,851	4,957	-15.3%
MISDEMEANOR	14,536	13,330	-8.3%
OTHER*	2,775	2,463	-11.2%
TOTAL	20,387	18,287	-10.3%

ARRESTS AT PUBLIC SCHOOL LOCATIONS (CITY OF CHICAGO, 2008 & 2009) **

FELONY	940	832	-11.5%
MISDEMEANOR	3,879	3,590	-7.5%
OTHER*	267	175	-34.5%
TOTAL	5,086	4,597	-9.6%

**Other* includes local ordinances, petty offenses, and business offenses.
**Includes location codes that reflect public schools buildings and public school grounds.
Source: CLEAER DW queried 1/19/10-downloaded from WBEZ site on 9/16/10



AGE	ARRESTS
7	4
8	17
9	52
10	98
11	196
12	463
13	819
14	1,263
15	2,176
16	1,627
17	1,089
18	444

2003, Chicago Police Dept.