



Savannah Chatham County Public School System

Executive Summary Truancy and Discipline (Semester 1) School year 2011-2012

Truancy

Any child subject to compulsory attendance who, during the school calendar year, has more than five (5) days of unexcused absences is considered truant.

Per policy JBA, the following are excused absences: personal illness, serious illness or death of a student's immediate family member, observance of religious holidays, active duty military family leave, orders of governmental agencies, conditions rendering attendance impossible or hazardous to student health or safety, or participation in approved school activities.

An absence for any reason other than one defined above, would be considered unexcused. Compulsory attendance applies to a child between their sixth and sixteenth birthday.

The district objective is to improve attendance of all compulsory age students from the school year 2007-2008 baseline of 18.4% truant students to less than 12% by 2014.

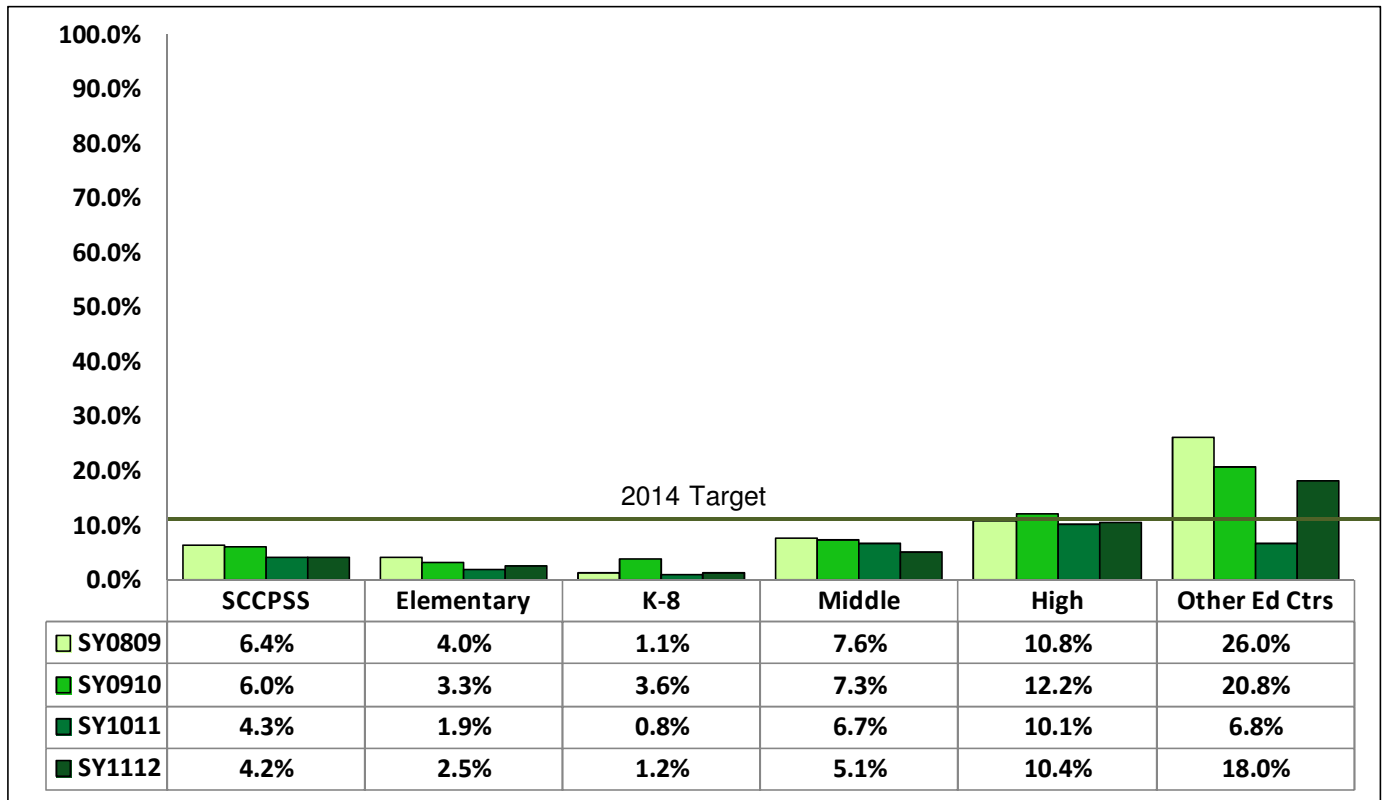
Highlights

- District-wide truancy rates have continued to decline since 2008-09 relative to the mid-year checkpoint. However, only middle schools reported a first semester decrease from 2010 to 2011.
- The percent of truant students by ethnicity range from 1.1% for Asian students to 5.4% for Pacific Islanders.
- Among subgroups, students with disabilities had the highest truancy rate (5.9%).

Actions

- Academic Affairs will provide a new program through Ombudsman to address the needs of our alternative students in 2012-2013. Reduction in the percentage of truant students in other education centers should be an outcome of this new program.

Percentage of Truancy by Level



Other Ed Centers include Coastal Academy, Scott, Corporate Academy, and Early College

Truancy Counts by School

Elementary Schools	2008-2009		2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012	
	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**
Bartow	22	4.2%	13	2.4%	27	3.9%	12	2.0%
Bloomington	15	2.8%	19	3.2%	4	1.0%	11	2.8%
Butler	21	2.7%	13	1.8%	0	0.0%	16	2.8%
CEMCO	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	9	9.1%	4	2.9%
East Broad	19	3.9%	34	7.8%	29	5.0%		
Gadsden	10	2.0%	10	1.9%	8	1.5%	8	1.6%
Garden City	35	6.8%	30	5.9%	41	7.0%	59	9.1%
Garrison	25	8.1%	21	5.4%				
Georgetown	31	5.2%	18	3.0%				
Gould	47	7.8%	22	3.3%	16	2.1%	24	3.3%
Haven	9	2.6%	11	3.4%	10	2.4%	24	5.8%
Heard	15	2.5%	31	4.8%	7	1.5%	5	1.1%
Hodge	23	6.1%	19	5.7%	11	3.0%	18	4.7%
Howard	10	1.8%	14	2.3%	7	1.0%	6	0.8%
Islands	33	4.7%	11	1.7%				
Isle of Hope	2	0.5%						
J. G. Smith	6	1.6%	6	1.8%	1	0.3%	2	0.7%
Largo-Tibet	15	2.9%	12	2.3%	11	1.8%	14	2.2%
Low	30	6.4%	24	4.5%	14	2.8%	16	3.4%
Marshpoint	20	2.4%	15	2.0%	1	0.1%	2	0.3%
Pooler	10	2.4%	18	3.7%	12	3.1%	7	1.7%
Pt. Wentworth	16	2.8%	20	3.1%	2	0.4%	1	0.2%
Pulaski	28	5.1%	22	4.3%	4	0.8%	8	1.6%
Shuman					12	1.9%	18	2.6%
Southwest	25	3.3%	16	2.1%	4	0.6%	13	1.9%
Spencer	7	1.9%	26	8.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Thunderbolt	39	8.6%	23	5.1%	2	0.6%	8	2.2%
West Chatham	55	6.4%	24	2.6%	8	1.2%	4	0.6%
White Bluff	16	2.9%	28	5.0%	14	2.4%	7	1.2%
Windsor Forest	20	4.6%	7	1.7%	7	1.3%	27	4.6%

K-8 Schools	2008-2009		2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012	
	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**
East Broad							12	2.2%
Ellis	8	1.8%	24	5.2%	5	1.1%	5	1.1%
Garrison					0	0.0%	3	0.4%
Georgetown					2	0.4%	4	0.7%
Godley Station					2	0.2%	12	0.9%
Hesse	2	0.4%	24	4.0%	1	0.1%	26	2.9%
Isle of Hope			2	0.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

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■ School category not applicable during this period.

Truancy Count by School

Middle Schools	2008-2009		2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012	
	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**
Bartlett	69	10.8%	79	13.2%	88	8.9%	61	7.5%
Coastal	39	4.2%	30	3.0%	37	4.9%	26	3.5%
DeRenne	62	6.4%	59	6.4%	101	13.1%	38	5.1%
Hubert	51	12.8%	24	4.6%	36	5.5%	14	2.1%
Mercer	59	6.2%	64	7.1%	61	8.3%	53	7.9%
Myers	101	13.6%	106	13.9%	17	2.7%	29	4.8%
Oglethorpe	8	2.1%	11	2.7%	3	0.7%	0	0.0%
Shuman	126	17.8%	47	10.2%				
Southwest	84	7.9%	133	11.9%	48	6.3%	60	7.8%
West Chatham	55	5.1%	89	7.2%	55	4.9%	43	3.9%

High Schools	2008-2009		2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012	
	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**
Beach	51	11.6%	113	24.8%	66	17.2%	28	8.0%
Gateway to College			0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Groves	59	10.3%	49	7.3%	85	15.5%	94	18.4%
Islands					27	9.3%	40	9.6%
Jenkins	49	7.5%	33	5.7%	20	4.0%	34	6.9%
Johnson	116	14.7%	102	17.0%	46	10.8%	48	12.7%
Savannah Arts	4	1.1%	6	1.5%	13	3.7%	4	1.2%
Savannah High	83	19.9%						
School of Law/Criminal Justice			14	10.7%	5	5.4%		
School of Liberal Studies			92	24.8%	45	20.3%	48	20.3%
Windsor Forest	58	9.4%	74	12.1%	31	5.4%	46	8.6%
Woodville-Tompkins (9 th G)							1	1.1%

Other Educational Centers	2008-2009		2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012	
	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**
Coastal Academy	30	18.4%	6	1.4%	28	18.4%	22	14.5%
Corporate Academy	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	66.7%
Early College	0	0.0%	2	2.0%	4	3.7%	1	0.8%
Fresh Start							5	16.1%
Scott L.C.	183	36.5%	113	29.0%	69	21.8%	79	27.1%

Attendance for Woodville Tompkins Career Institute students, grades 10, 11, and 12, are reported to their home schools.

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Truancy Counts by Subgroup

Gender	Enrollment*	Student Truancy Count	Percent
Male	14,627	659	4.5%
Female	14,274	552	3.9%

Ethnicity	Enrollment*	Student Truancy Count	Percent
Asian	556	6	1.1%
Black	16,619	766	4.6%
Hispanic	1,541	55	3.6%
American Indian	62	2	3.2%
Multi-Racial	1,918	66	3.4%
Pacific Islander	37	2	5.4%
White	8,168	314	3.8%

Other Subgroups	Enrollment*	Student Truancy Count	Percent
English Language Learners	822	30	3.6%
Students with Disabilities	2,678	159	5.9%
Economically Disadvantaged	17,503	881	5.0%

District level report – unduplicated count

*Enrollment is compulsory age enrollment, not total student enrollment

Discipline

The district objective is to reduce the number of infractions that give rise to referrals for out of school (OSS) suspension and expulsion from the baseline for school year 2007-2008 of 18,892 to below 12,000 by 2014. Students who are long-term suspended or expelled may be placed in an alternative program.

Following are definitions of the discipline terminology:

- Infraction – The action that is in violation of the Student Code of Conduct
- Disposition – The result of a disciplinary action
- Referral – A document that lists the infraction and disciplinary action
- In-School Suspension (ISS) – Short-term removal of a student from the classroom
- Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) – Short-term removal of a student from the school, ten days or less
- Long-Term Suspension – Long-term removal of a student from the school for more than ten days
- Expulsion – Long-term removal of a student from the school beyond the school quarter or semester
- Enrollment - Includes students who enrolled in any school during the term August 22, 2011 to January 21, 2012.

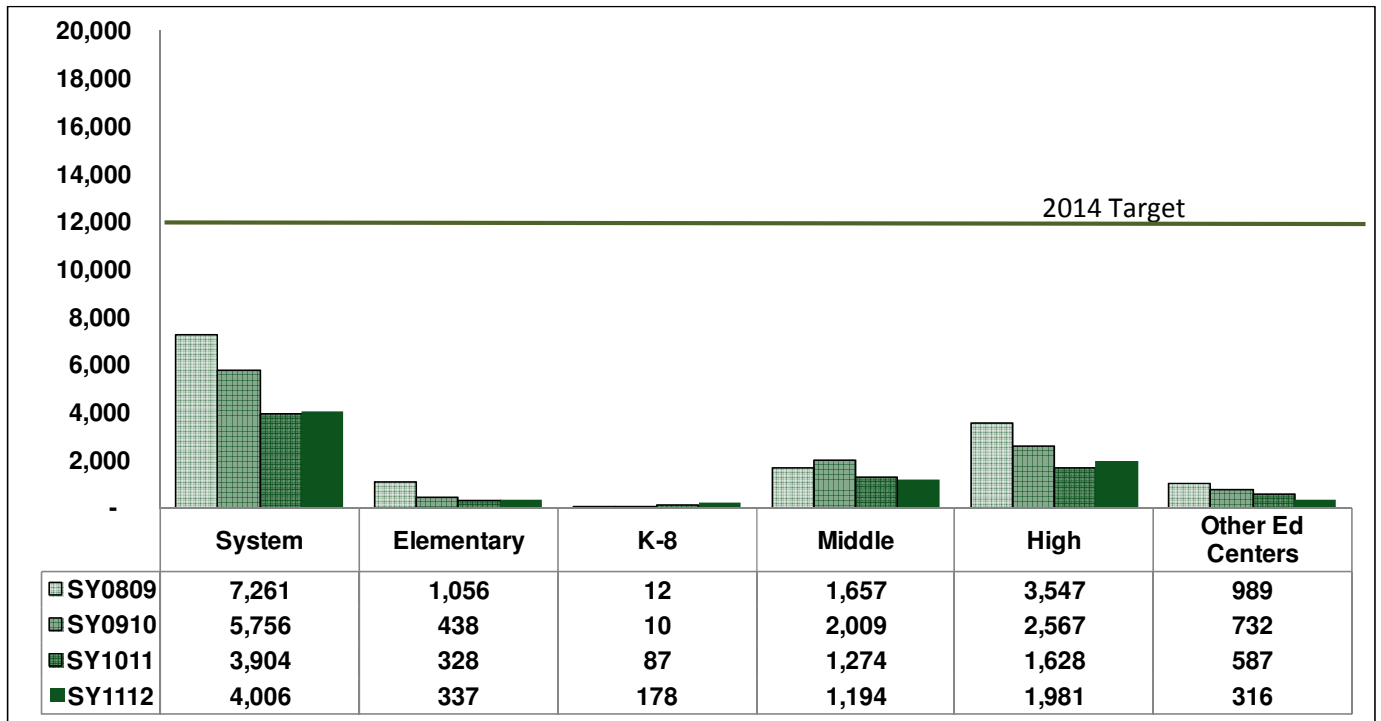
Highlights

- There was a slight increase in the number of discipline incidents from first semester 2010-2011 (3,904 incidents) to the same period for 2011-2012 (4,006).
- Middle Schools and Other Educational Centers reported a first semester decrease from 2010 to 2011. The increase at the K-8 schools can be attributed to the increase in the K-8 population.
- Among subgroups with discipline infractions which led to suspension/expulsion, 5% were females compared to 8% males, 12% were students with disabilities, and 10% were economically disadvantaged.

Actions

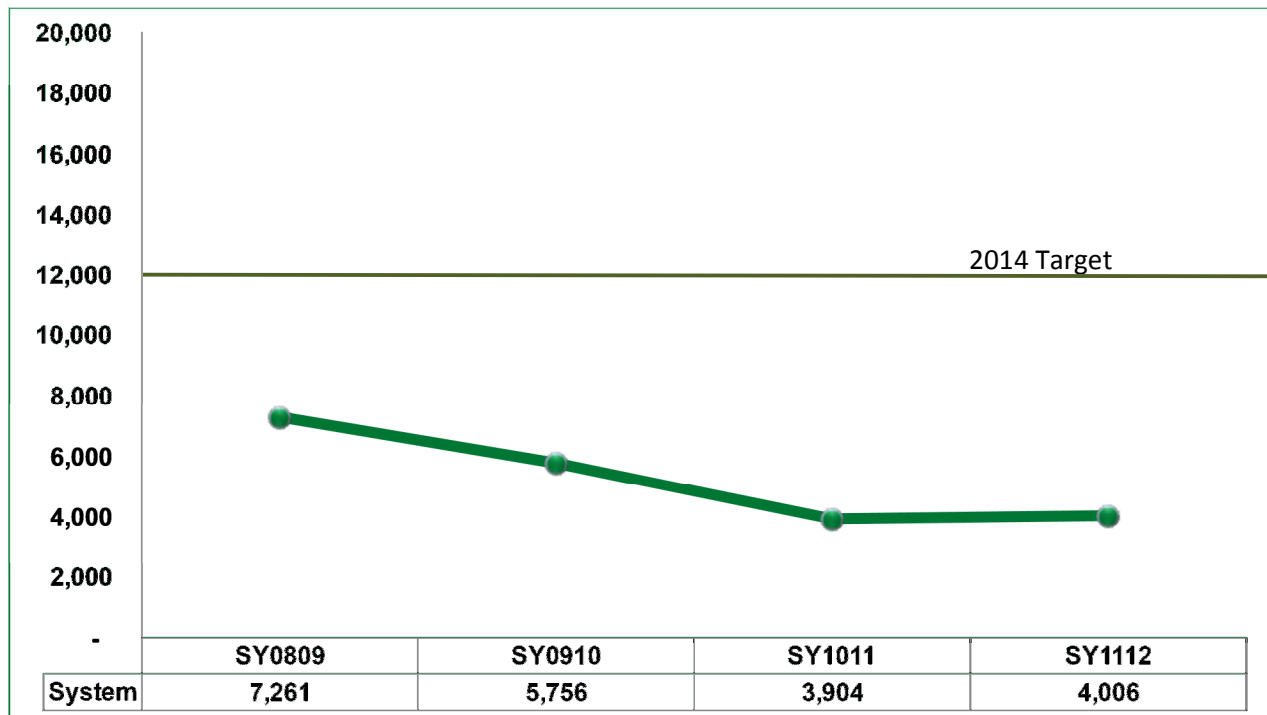
- District level specialists will provide a workshop in spring of 2012 to address use of Response to Intervention (RTI) to address the needs of behaviorally challenged students.
- 21st Century has established a partnership with the YMCA's of Coastal Georgia and is currently working on a partnership with the Department of Juvenile Justice. The goal is to work with students using the 21st Century After School programs to assist with behavioral problems. The program will target students at East Broad K-8 and Hodge ES.

Total Infractions Which Led to Suspension/Expulsion by Level

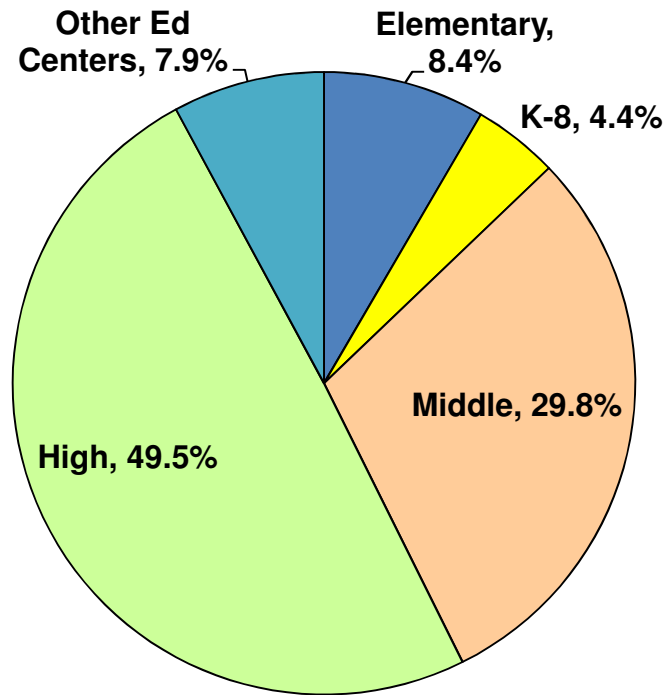


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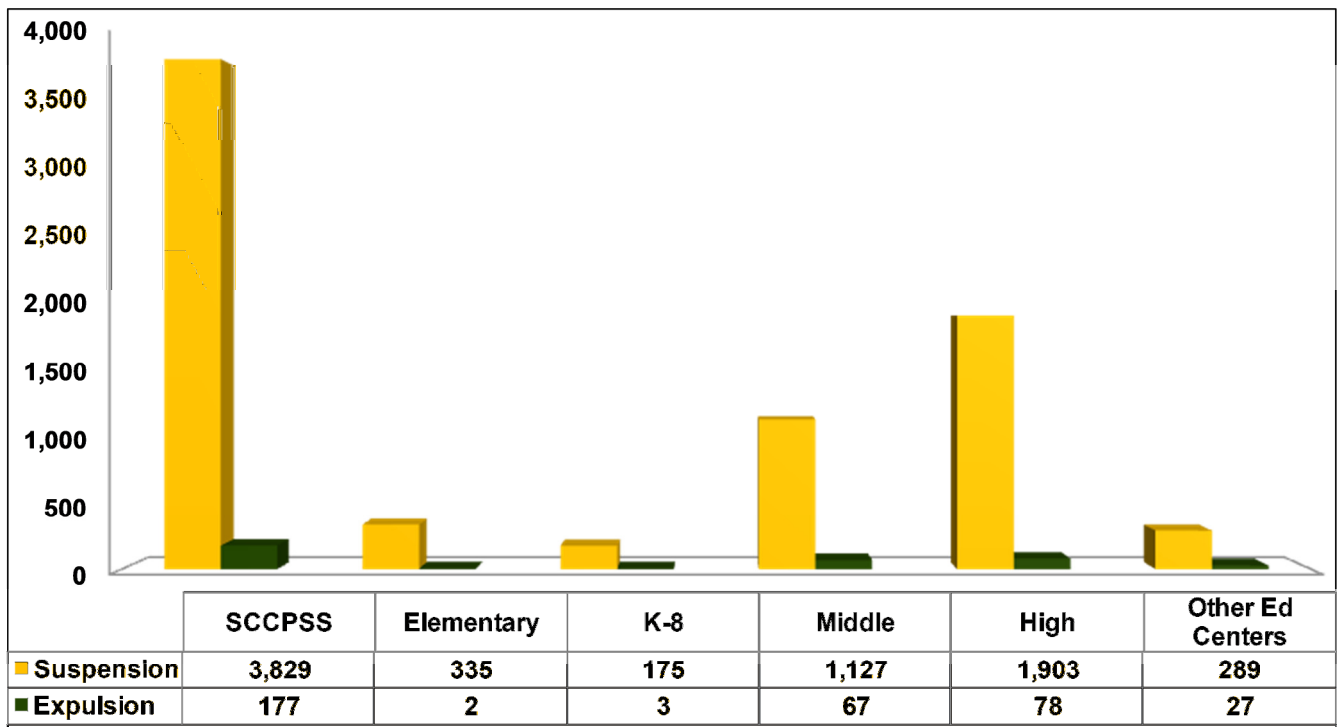
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Infractions Which Led to Suspension/Expulsion by Level



Total Infractions Which Led to Suspension and Expulsion by Level



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Infractions Which Led to Suspension/Expulsion by Type

Infractions	2008-2009		2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012	
	Count	*T.I.	Count	*T.I.	Count	*T.I.	Count	*T.I.
Alcohol	7	0.1%	2	0.0%	8	0.2%	13	0.3%
Arson					5	0.1%	5	0.1%
Assault**	107	1.5%	104	1.8%	60	1.5%	98	2.5%
Battery	101	1.4%	44	0.8%	87	2.2%	74	1.9%
Bullying	91	1.3%	97	1.7%	51	1.3%	5	0.1%
Burglary	1	0.0%					3	0.1%
Cheating**	3	0.0%	4	0.1%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
Chronic Tardiness**	1,091	15.0%	479	8.3%	112	2.9%	130	3.3%
Classroom Disruption**	991	13.6%	506	8.8%	258	6.6%	259	6.5%
Computer Trespassing			1	0.0%			1	0.0%
Destruction of Property**	23	0.3%						
Detention-Missed Saturday School**	176	2.4%	42	0.7%	80	2.0%	222	5.6%
Disorderly Conduct	536	7.4%	351	6.1%	563	14.4%	493	12.3%
Disturbance/Hall/Other**	83	1.1%	192	3.3%	85	2.2%	77	1.9%
Drug – Paraphernalia**	10	0.1%	11	0.2%				
Drugs, Alcohol, of Under the Influence**	19	0.3%						
Drugs Excluding Alcohol	30	0.4%	39	0.7%	83	2.1%	117	2.9%
Electronic Device-Possession**	165	2.3%	212	3.7%	74	1.9%	213	5.3%
False Information**	9	0.1%	11	0.2%				
Fighting	901	12.4%	980	17.0%	864	22.1%	743	18.5%
Gambling**	4	0.1%	4	0.1%	1	0.0%	6	0.2%
Gang Related Behavior**	14	0.2%	16	0.3%	3	0.1%	2	0.1%
Harassment**	1	0.0%	1	0.0%				
Inappropriate Language/Gesture**	396	5.5%	458	8.0%	277	7.1%	214	5.4%
Larceny/Theft	45	0.6%	22	0.4%	27	0.7%	29	0.7%
Misbehaving on Bus**	29	0.4%	15	0.3%	14	0.4%	18	0.5%
Multiple Dress Code Violation**	244	3.4%	95	1.7%	11	0.3%	8	0.2%
Other**	1	0.0%						
Other Serious Body Injury					1	0.0%		
Other Serious Incidents	48	0.7%	12	0.2%	7	0.2%	17	0.4%

 No infractions reported

*T.I = Total Infractions

**Local Codes

Count may include duplicate infractions for one student or one infraction applied to multiple students.

Infractions Which Led to Suspension/Expulsion by Type

Infractions	2008-2009		2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012	
	Count	*T.I.	Count	*T.I.	Count	*T.I.	Count	*T.I.
Parking Violation**			1	0.0%				
Possession of Illegal Substance**	10	0.1%	1	0.0%				
Possession of Stolen Goods**	15	0.2%			1	0.0%	11	0.3%
Refusing to Carry Out Instructions **	663	9.1%	721	12.5%	449	11.5%	297	7.4%
Robbery	1	0.0%	5	0.1%	11	0.3%	9	0.2%
Rude/Disrespectful to School Personnel**	525	7.2%	664	11.5%	210	5.4%	262	6.6%
School Disturbance **	211	2.9%	8	0.1%	53	1.4%	58	1.5%
Sex Offenses	10	0.1%	12	0.2%	9	0.2%	25	0.6%
Sexual Battery	2	0.0%	1	0.0%	5	0.1%	2	0.1%
Sexual Harassment	52	0.7%	23	0.4%	16	0.4%	15	0.4%
Skip Class Grounds**	415	5.7%	354	6.2%	259	6.6%	306	7.7%
Stealing**	1	0.0%	1	0.0%				
Terroristic Threats**	4	0.1%						
Threat/Intimidate	125	1.7%	127	2.2%	123	3.2%	85	2.1%
Throwing Objects**	25	0.3%	1	0.0%				
Tobacco	26	0.4%	65	1.1%	10	0.3%	33	0.8%
Trespassing	7	0.1%	6	0.1%	5	0.1%	5	0.1%
Unlawful Absence**	3	0.0%						
Vandalism	9	0.1%	22	0.4%	13	0.3%	10	0.3%
Weapon - Rifle/Shotgun					2	0.1%		
Weapons - Handguns	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	6	0.2%	6	0.2%
Weapons - Knife	11	0.2%	18	0.3%	29	0.7%	30	0.8%
Weapons - Other	19	0.3%	27	0.5%	31	0.8%	24	0.6%

	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
Total Infractions	7,261	5,756	3,904	4,006
Total Number of Students Referred	3,770	2,066	2,398	2,504
Student Enrollment	35,689	36,010	36,863	37,238
Percentage of Students Referred	10.6%	5.7%	6.5%	6.9%

No infractions reported

*T.I = Total Infractions **Local Codes

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Enrollment represents an unduplicated count.

Students with Infractions Which Led to Suspension/Expulsion by Subgroup

Gender	Enrollment	Students with Infractions	1 Infraction	2 Infractions	3 Infractions	4 Infractions	5 or More
Male	18,782	1,538	939	318	134	61	86
Female	18,456	966	657	188	52	31	38

Ethnicity	Enrollment	Students with Infractions	1 Infraction	2 Infractions	3 Infractions	4 Infractions	5 or More
Asian	740	7	6	0	0	1	0
Black	21,321	2,160	1,359	440	170	80	111
Hispanic	2,019	50	38	8	1	1	2
Multi-Racial	2,306	41	26	11	1	2	1
American Indian	69	1	1	0	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	48	0	0	0	0	0	0
White	10,735	245	166	47	14	8	10

Other Subgroups	Enrollment	Students with Infractions	1 Infraction	2 Infractions	3 Infractions	4 Infractions	5 or More
English Language	961	19	12	6	0	1	0
Students with Disabilities	3,634	441	150	106	63	52	70
Economically	19,931	1,990	1,239	408	158	79	106

District level report – unduplicated count

Referrals, Incident Count and Percentage Which Led to Suspension/Expulsion

Elementary Schools	2008-2009		2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012	
	# Students	% of	# Students	% of	# Students	% of	# Students	% of
	Referred	Infractions	Referred	Infractions	Referred	Infractions	Referred	Infractions
Bartow	66	1.5%	27	0.6%	35	1.1%	18	0.6%
Bloomington	4	0.1%	3	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Butler	8	0.1%	3	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
CEMCO	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.1%
East Broad	48	0.8%	14	0.2%				
Gadsden	72	1.3%	0	0.0%	5	0.3%	11	0.3%
Garden City	5	0.1%	43	1.1%	19	0.7%	43	1.4%
Garrison	35	0.6%	22	0.4%				
Georgetown	8	0.1%	3	0.1%				
Gould	2	0.0%	10	0.2%	10	0.3%	11	0.3%
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Thunderbolt	14	0.2%	5	0.1%	2	0.1%	3	0.1%
West Chatham	56	0.9%	16	0.3%	9	0.5%	12	0.4%
White Bluff	31	0.4%	30	0.6%	26	0.8%	8	0.2%
Windsor Forest	28	0.6%	8	0.1%	6	0.2%	18	0.7%

K-8 Schools	2008-2009		2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012	
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	Referred	Infractions	Referred	Infractions	Referred	Infractions	Referred	Infractions
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Ellis	8	0.1%	6	0.1%	5	0.2%	1	0.0%
Garrison					8	0.2%	7	0.2%
Georgetown					1	0.0%	5	0.1%
Godley Station					28	1.1%	21	0.6%
Hesse	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	2	0.1%	21	0.7%
Isle of Hope			4	0.1%	10	0.4%	15	0.5%

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Coastal	49	1.0%	77	2.3%	18	0.5%	8	0.3%
DeRenne	119	2.7%	171	5.6%	145	6.9%	100	4.1%
Hubert	96	2.5%	118	3.7%	108	4.0%	99	3.9%
Mercer	137	2.9%	141	3.8%	135	6.3%	155	9.9%
Myers	160	3.7%	143	5.1%	71	2.5%	101	3.7%
Oglethorpe	10	0.2%	9	0.2%	8	0.2%	5	0.1%
Shuman	105	2.6%	47	1.5%				
Southwest	104	2.1%	158	5.1%	84	3.0%	74	2.5%
West Chatham	95	2.2%	109	3.3%	111	4.8%	68	2.4%

High Schools	2008-2009		2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012	
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Beach	243	7.7%	223	6.8%	282	10.0%	309	12.6%
Gateway to College			0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Groves	279	7.0%	290	8.8%	138	5.4%	276	9.9%
Islands					29	1.1%	28	0.9%
Jenkins	289	6.9%	203	5.5%	115	4.0%	160	6.4%
Johnson	362	9.4%	172	5.0%	179	7.4%	163	6.4%
Savannah Arts	3	0.0%	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
Savannah High	228	4.8%						
School of Law & CJ			25	0.5%	12	0.4%		
School of Liberal Studies			256	7.3%	142	5.4%	75	2.8%
Windsor Forest	414	13.0%	322	10.5%	186	8.0%	276	10.5%
Woodville-Tompkins							8	0.2%

Other Educational Centers	2008-2009		2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012	
	# Students Referred	% of Infractions	# Students Referred	% of Infractions	# Students Referred	% of Infractions	# Students Referred	% of Infractions
Coastal Academy	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	2	0.9%	4	0.1%
Corporate Academy	4	0.1%	10	0.2%	15	32.6%	3	0.1%
Early College	5	0.1%	4	0.1%	4	2.2%	3	0.1%
Fresh Start							0	0.0%
Scott L.C.	352	13.5%	283	12.4%	184	35.4%	184	7.6%

*Woodville-Tompkins HS, ninth grade students only.

Woodville-Tompkins Career Institute students, grades 10, 11, and 12, are reported to their home schools.

■ School category not applicable during this period.