



Savannah Chatham County Public School System

Executive Summary Truancy and Discipline (Semester 1) School year 2012-2013

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.
- The percent of truant students by ethnicity range from 1.4% for Asian students to 3.3% for Black students.
- Among other subgroups, students with disabilities had the highest truancy rate (4.0%).

Actions

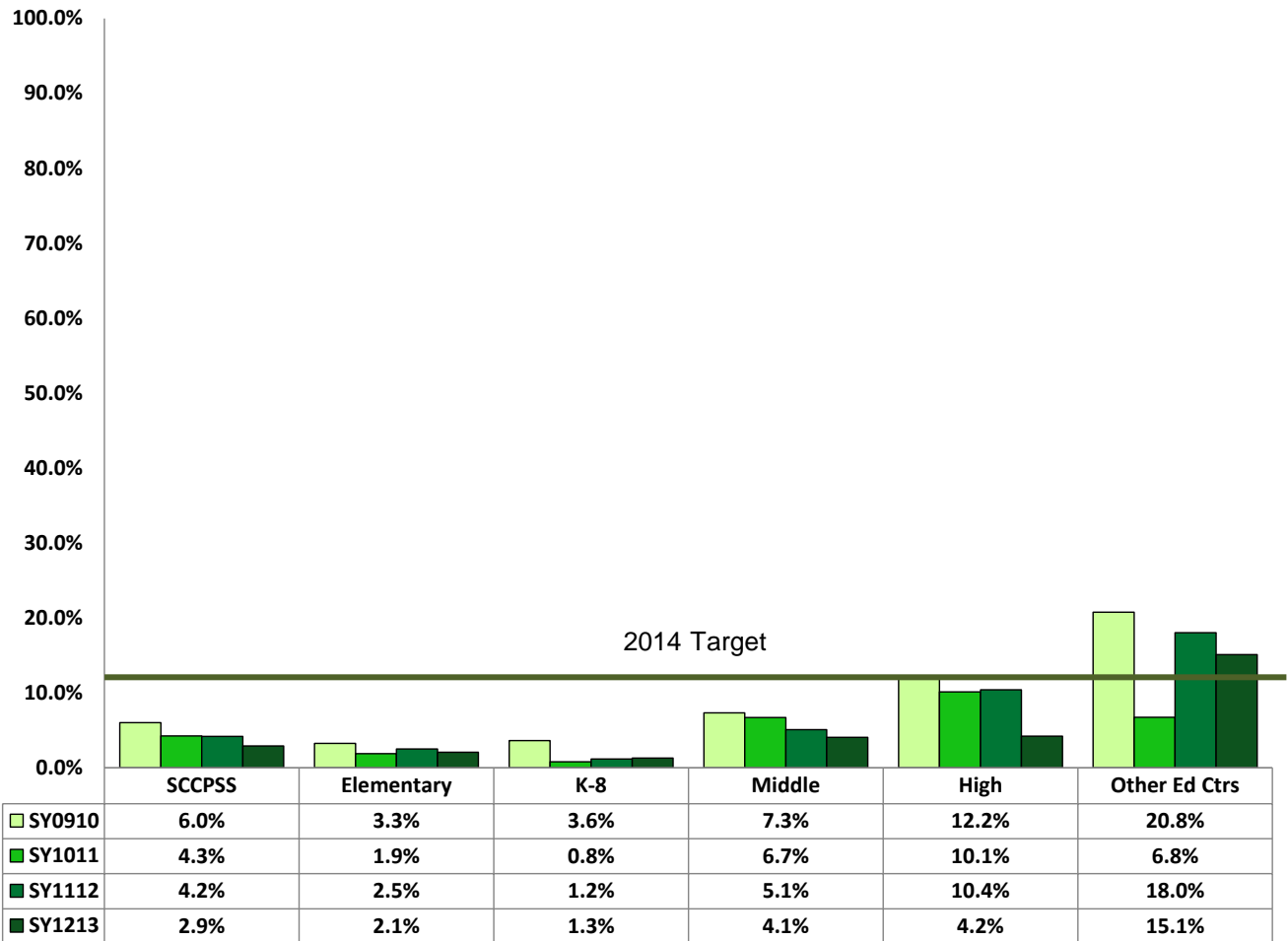
Truancy

- School social workers and campus police did home visits during the first week of school to students who were "no shows"
- Monthly truancy reports are sent to central office staff.
- Building level staff are meeting weekly to review truancy data.
- Monthly truancy data is sent to juvenile court and is reviewed by The Assistant District Attorney.

Discipline

- Academic Affairs management team is reviewing the discipline packets to ensure all school level resources have been exhausted prior to out of school disciplinary action.
- Student Affairs is conducting district placement team meetings to assist schools with interventions prior to out of school disciplinary action.
- The district is using the alternative placement option in lieu of expulsion.

Percentage of Truancy by Level (SEM 1 SY2013)



Other Ed Centers include Coastal Academy, Scott (SY0910-SY1112), Ombudsman (SY1213), Corporate Academy, and Early College

Truancy Counts by School (SEM 1 SY2013)

Elementary Schools	2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012		2012-2013	
	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**
Bartow	13	2.4%	27	3.9%	12	2.0%	25	4.5%
Bloomington	19	3.2%	4	1.0%	11	2.8%	7	1.9%
Butler	13	1.8%	0	0.0%	16	2.8%	14	2.4%
CEMCO	0	0.0%	9	9.1%	4	2.9%	5	2.6%
Gadsden	10	1.9%	8	1.5%	8	1.6%	8	1.3%
Garden City	30	5.9%	41	7.0%	59	9.1%	36	5.6%
Gould	22	3.3%	16	2.1%	24	3.3%	26	3.4%
Haven	11	3.4%	10	2.4%	24	5.8%	8	2.0%
Heard	31	4.8%	7	1.5%	5	1.1%	9	2.0%
Hodge	19	5.7%	11	3.0%	18	4.7%	16	3.8%
Howard	14	2.3%	7	1.0%	6	0.8%	8	1.1%
J. G. Smith	6	1.8%	1	0.3%	2	0.7%	1	0.3%
Largo-Tibet	12	2.3%	11	1.8%	14	2.2%	0	0.0%
Low	24	4.5%	14	2.8%	16	3.4%	8	1.8%
Marshpoint	15	2.0%	1	0.1%	2	0.3%	3	0.4%
Pooler	18	3.7%	12	3.1%	7	1.7%	14	3.3%
Pt. Wentworth	20	3.1%	2	0.4%	1	0.2%	8	1.8%
Pulaski	22	4.3%	4	0.8%	8	1.6%	6	1.1%
Shuman			12	1.9%	18	2.6%	11	1.5%
Southwest	16	2.1%	4	0.6%	13	1.9%	9	1.2%
Spencer	26	8.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Thunderbolt	23	5.1%	2	0.6%	8	2.2%	9	2.3%
West Chatham	24	2.6%	8	1.2%	4	0.6%	8	1.2%
White Bluff	28	5.0%	14	2.4%	7	1.2%	4	0.8%
Windsor Forest	7	1.7%	7	1.3%	27	4.6%	21	3.5%

K-8 Schools	2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012		2012-2013	
	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**
East Broad					12	2.2%	26	4.6%
Ellis	24	5.2%	5	1.1%	5	1.1%	7	1.5%
Garrison			0	0.0%	3	0.4%	0	0.0%
Georgetown			2	0.4%	4	0.7%	4	0.6%
Godley Station			2	0.2%	12	0.9%	10	0.7%
Hesse	24	4.0%	1	0.1%	26	2.9%	21	2.3%
Isle of Hope	2	0.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

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■ School Category changed (middle to elementary, elementary to K8, or new school)

Truancy Count by School (SEM 1 SY2013)

Middle Schools	2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012		2012-2013	
	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**
Bartlett	79	13.2%	88	8.9%	61	7.5%	34	4.0%
Coastal	30	3.0%	37	4.9%	26	3.5%	18	2.3%
DeRenne	59	6.4%	101	13.1%	38	5.1%	41	5.3%
Hubert	24	4.6%	36	5.5%	14	2.1%	21	3.6%
Mercer	64	7.1%	61	8.3%	53	7.9%	49	7.7%
Myers	106	13.9%	17	2.7%	29	4.8%	21	3.7%
Oglethorpe	11	2.7%	3	0.7%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%
Southwest	133	11.9%	48	6.3%	60	7.8%	42	5.6%
West Chatham	89	7.2%	55	4.9%	43	3.9%	35	3.0%

High Schools	2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012		2012-2013	
	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**
Beach	113	24.8%	66	17.2%	28	8.0%	16	4.5%
Gateway to College	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%		
Groves	49	7.3%	85	15.5%	94	18.4%	12	3.7%
Islands			27	9.3%	40	9.6%	11	2.6%
Jenkins	33	5.7%	20	4.0%	34	6.9%	32	6.8%
Johnson	102	17.0%	46	10.8%	48	12.7%	15	4.6%
New Hampstead							4	0.8%
Savannah Arts	6	1.5%	13	3.7%	4	1.2%	10	2.6%
School of Liberal Studies	92	24.8%	45	20.3%	48	20.3%	24	9.3%
Windsor Forest	74	12.1%	31	5.4%	46	8.6%	25	4.8%
Woodville-Tompkins					1	1.1%	0	0.0%

Other Educational Centers	2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012		2012-2013	
	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**
Coastal Academy	6	1.4%	28	18.4%	22	14.5%	26	17.2%
Corporate Academy	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	66.7%	0	0.0%
Early College	2	2.0%	4	3.7%	1	0.8%	1	1.0%
Fresh Start					5	16.1%	1	4.0%
Ombudsman ALP							51	21.3%
Scott L.C.	113	29.0%	69	21.8%	79	27.1%		

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 <10 students or new/discontinued program or school

Truancy Counts by Subgroup (SEM 1 SY2013)

Gender	2011-2012		2012-2013	
	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**
Male	659	4.5%	447	3.0%
Female	552	3.9%	411	2.8%

Ethnicity	2011-2012		2012-2013	
	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**
Asian	6	1.1%	8	1.4%
Black	766	4.6%	557	3.2%
Hispanic	55	3.6%	38	2.2%
Native American				
Multi-Racial	66	3.4%	41	2.2%
Pacific Islander				
White	314	3.8%	215	2.6%

Other Subgroups	2011-2012		2012-2013	
	Count*	Pct.**	Count*	Pct.**
English Language Learners	30	3.6%	25	2.7%
Students with Disabilities	159	5.9%	105	3.9%
Economically Disadvantaged	881	5.0%	670	3.6%

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About 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.

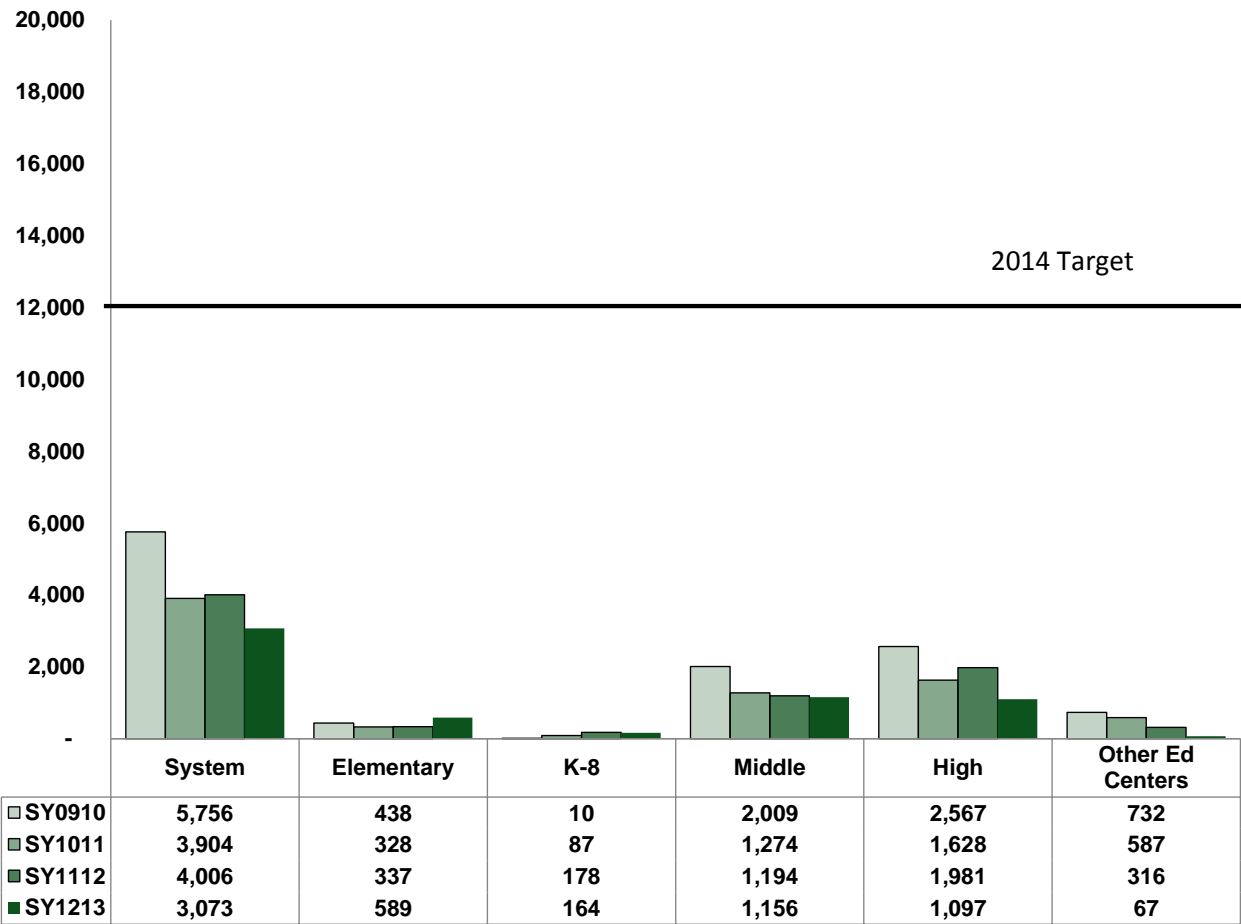
Following are definitions of the discipline terminology:

- 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.
- Alternative Placement – Voluntary placement in an alternative setting for a defined period of time with parental agreement.

Highlights

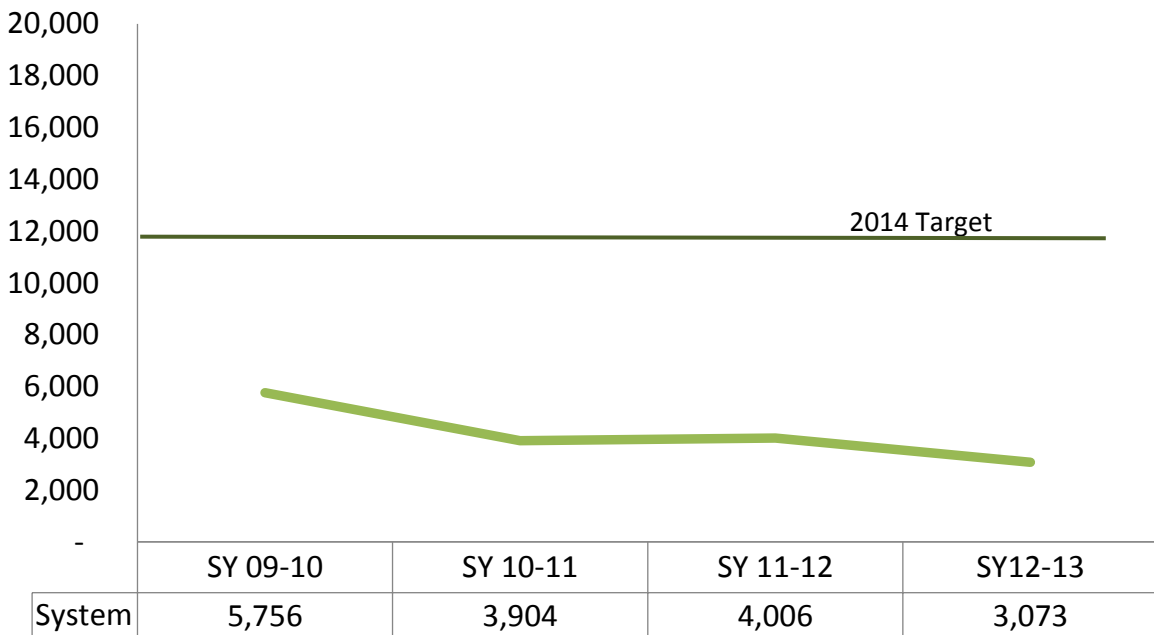
- There was a 30% decrease in the number of discipline incidents from first semester 2011-2012 (4,006 incidents) to the same period for 2012-2013 (3,081).
- Only elementary schools reported a first semester increase in the number of discipline incidents from SY2012 to SY2013.
- All subgroups reported a decrease in the number of discipline incidents from SY2012 to SY2013.

Total Infractions Which Led to Suspension and Expulsion by Level (SEM 1 SY2013)

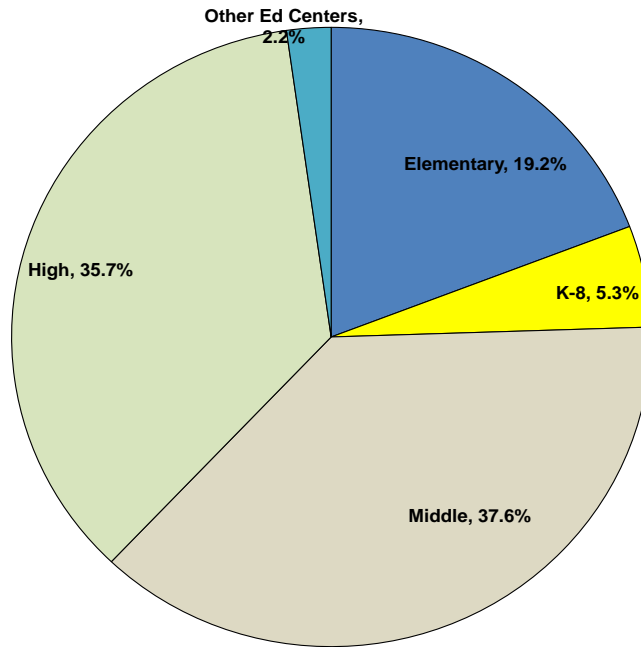


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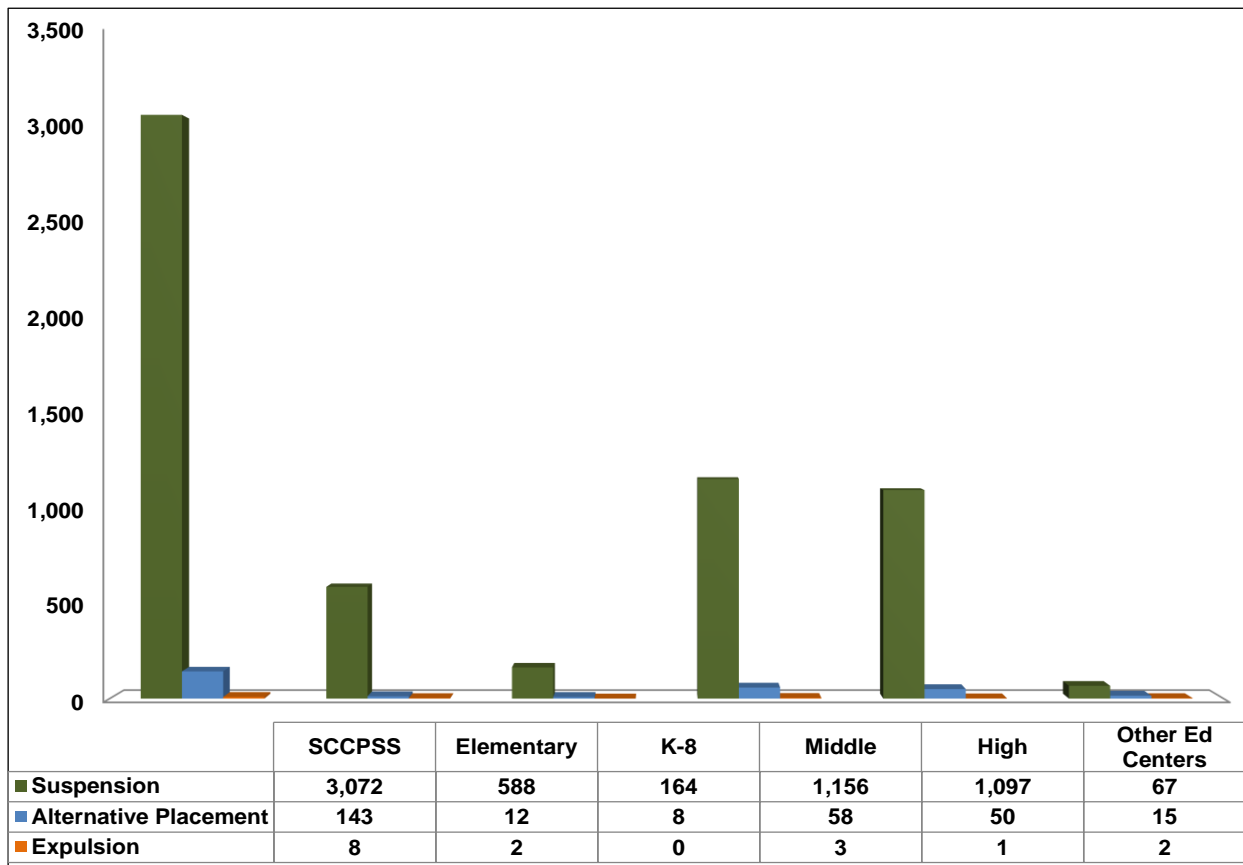
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Infractions Which Led to Suspension and Expulsion by Level (SEM 1 SY2013)




Total Infractions Which Led to Suspension, Alternative Placement, or Expulsion by Level (SEM 1 SY2013)*



*Difference in suspensions represents one student being expelled, but not suspended.
Other Ed Centers include Coastal Academy, Ombudsman, Corporate Academy, and Early College

Infractions Which Led to Suspension/Expulsion by Type (SEM 1 SY2013)

Infractions	2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012		2012-2013	
	Count	*T.I.	Count	*T.I.	Count	*T.I.	Count	*T.I.
Academic Dishonesty							2	0.1%
Alcohol	2	0.0%	8	0.2%	13	0.3%	2	0.1%
Arson			5	0.1%	5	0.1%	5	0.2%
Attendance Related							184	6.0%
Battery	44	0.8%	87	2.2%	74	1.9%	118	3.8%
Bullying	97	1.7%	51	1.3%	5	0.1%	47	1.5%
Burglary					3	0.1%	2	0.1%
Computer Trespassing	1	0.0%			1	0.0%	2	0.1%
Disorderly Conduct	351	6.1%	563	14.4%	493	12.3%	645	21.0%
Dress Code Violation							53	1.7%
Drugs Excluding Alcohol	39	0.7%	83	2.1%	117	2.9%	66	2.1%
Fighting	980	17.0%	864	22.1%	743	18.5%	769	25.0%
Gang Related Behavior	16	0.3%	3	0.1%	2	0.1%	16	0.5%
Larceny/Theft	22	0.4%	27	0.7%	29	0.7%	37	1.2%
Other Non-Disciplinary Incident							1	0.0%
Other Serious Body Injury			1	0.0%				
Other Serious Incidents	12	0.2%	7	0.2%	17	0.4%	21	0.7%
Possession of Unapproved Items							36	1.2%
Repeated Offense							30	1.0%
Robbery	5	0.1%	11	0.3%	9	0.2%	1	0.0%
Sex Offenses	12	0.2%	9	0.2%	25	0.6%	7	0.2%
Sexual Battery	1	0.0%	5	0.1%	2	0.1%	1	0.0%
Sexual Harassment	23	0.4%	16	0.4%	15	0.4%	29	0.9%
Student Incivility							869	28.3%
Threat/Intimidate	127	2.2%	123	3.2%	85	2.1%	79	2.6%
Tobacco	65	1.1%	10	0.3%	33	0.8%	13	0.4%
Trespassing	6	0.1%	5	0.1%	5	0.1%	2	0.1%
Vandalism	22	0.4%	13	0.3%	10	0.3%	7	0.2%
Weapon - Rifle/Shotgun			2	0.1%				
Weapons - Handguns	1	0.0%	6	0.2%	6	0.2%		
Weapons - Knife	18	0.3%	29	0.7%	30	0.8%	16	0.5%
Weapons - Other	27	0.5%	31	0.8%	24	0.6%	13	0.4%
Total Infractions	5,756		3,904		4,006		3,073	
Total Number of Students Referred	2,006		2,398		2,504		2,073	
Student Enrollment	36,010		36,863		37,238		37,920	
Percentage of Students Referred	5.7%		6.5%		6.9%		5.5%	

 No infractions reported
 *T.I = Total District Infractions

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

Students with Infractions Which Led to Suspension/Expulsion by Subgroup (SEM 1 SY2013)

Gender	n Students	Number of Infractions (2012)				
		1	2	3	4	5
Male	1,538	939	318	134	61	86
Female	958	649	188	52	31	38

n Students	Number of Infractions (2013)				
	1	2	3	4	5
1,310	879	257	88	44	42
763	582	121	36	16	8

Ethnicity	n Students	Number of Infractions (2012)				
		1	2	3	4	5
Asian	7	6	0	0	1	0
Black	2,152	1,351	440	170	80	111
Hispanic	50	38	8	1	1	2
Multi-Racial	41	26	11	1	2	1
American Indian	0	1	0	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0
White	245	166	47	14	8	10

n Students	Number of Infractions (2013)				
	1	2	3	4	5
3	3	0	0	0	0
1,866	1,298	354	115	55	44
33	28	3	1	1	0
35	27	4	2	1	1
1	0	0	0	1	0
0	0	0	0	0	0
135	105	17	6	2	5

Subgroup	n Students	Number of Infractions (2012)				
		1	2	3	4	5
ELL	19	12	6	0	1	0
Students with Disability	441	150	106	63	52	70
Economically Disadvantaged	1,985	1,234	408	158	79	106

n Students	Number of Infractions (2013)				
	1	2	3	4	5
18	17	1	0	0	0
316	150	90	42	16	18
1,739	1,197	333	112	54	43

District level report – unduplicated count

Referrals, Incident Count and Percentage Which Led to Suspension/Expulsion (SEM 1 SY2013)

Elementary Schools	2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012		2012-2013	
	# Students Referred	% of Infractions	# Students Referred	% of Infractions	# Students Referred	% of Infractions	# Students Referred	% of Infractions
Bartow	27	0.6%	35	1.1%	18	0.6%	26	1.1%
Bloomingtondale	3	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Butler	3	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	13	0.5%
CEMCO	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.1%	20	1.1%
Gadsden	0	0.0%	5	0.3%	11	0.3%	8	0.4%
Garden City	43	1.1%	19	0.7%	43	1.4%	61	3.0%
Gould	10	0.2%	10	0.3%	11	0.3%	12	0.5%
Haven	5	0.2%	20	0.7%	14	0.4%	16	0.6%
Heard	15	0.3%	6	0.2%	6	0.2%	8	0.3%
Hodge	25	0.7%	47	2.5%	39	1.5%	41	2.3%
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Pooler	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	8	0.2%	3	0.1%
Pt. Wentworth	14	0.3%	4	0.1%	6	0.2%	9	0.5%
Pulaski	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	3	0.1%	4	0.2%
Shuman			15	0.6%	13	0.6%	64	2.8%
Southwest	5	0.1%	8	0.3%	10	0.3%	19	0.7%
Spencer	3	0.1%	1	0.1%	1	0.0%	3	0.1%
Thunderbolt	5	0.1%	2	0.1%	3	0.1%	16	0.7%
West Chatham	16	0.3%	9	0.5%	12	0.4%	16	0.7%
White Bluff	30	0.6%	26	0.8%	8	0.2%	8	0.4%
Windsor Forest	8	0.1%	6	0.2%	18	0.7%	19	1.0%

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Ellis	6	0.1%	5	0.2%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
Garrison			8	0.2%	7	0.2%	4	0.1%
Georgetown			1	0.0%	5	0.1%	0	0.0%
Godley Station			28	1.1%	21	0.6%	34	1.6%
Hesse	0	0.0%	2	0.1%	21	0.7%	4	0.1%
Isle of Hope	4	0.1%	10	0.4%	15	0.5%	24	0.8%

% of Infractions represents the school's percentage of district totals

■ School configuration changed from middle to elementary or elementary to K8 during this period. Godley Station was not opened until SY2011

Referrals, Incident Count and Percentage Which Led to Suspension/Expulsion (SEM 1 SY2013)

Middle Schools	2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012		2012-2013	
	# Students	% of	# Students	% of	# Students	% of	# Students	% of
	Referred	Infractions	Referred	Infractions	Referred	Infractions	Referred	Infractions
Bartlett	114	4.4%	131	4.4%	83	3.0%	72	3.5%
Coastal	77	2.3%	18	0.5%	8	0.3%	5	0.2%
DeRenne	171	5.6%	145	6.9%	100	4.1%	130	7.9%
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Myers	143	5.1%	71	2.5%	101	3.7%	145	8.3%
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High Schools	2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012		2012-2013	
	# Students	% of	# Students	% of	# Students	% of	# Students	% of
	Referred	Infractions	Referred	Infractions	Referred	Infractions	Referred	Infractions
Beach	223	6.8%	282	10.0%	309	12.6%	181	8.0%
Groves	290	8.8%	138	5.4%	276	9.9%	170	8.8%
Islands			29	1.1%	28	0.9%	24	0.8%
Jenkins	203	5.5%	115	4.0%	160	6.4%	92	4.8%
Johnson	172	5.0%	179	7.4%	163	6.4%	89	3.7%
New Hampstead							60	2.6%
Savannah Arts	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
School of Liberal Studies	256	7.3%	142	5.4%	75	2.8%	66	2.4%
Windsor Forest	322	10.5%	186	8.0%	276	10.5%	110	4.4%
Woodville-Tompkins					8	0.2%	6	0.2%

Other Educational Centers	2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012		2012-2013	
	# Students	% of	# Students	% of	# Students	% of	# Students	% of
	Referred	Infractions	Referred	Infractions	Referred	Infractions	Referred	Infractions
Coastal Academy	1	0.0%	2	0.1%	4	0.1%	1	0.0%
Corporate Academy	10	0.2%	15	0.5%	3	0.1%	10	0.5%
Early College	4	0.1%	4	0.1%	3	0.1%	2	0.1%
Fresh Start					0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Ombudsman ALC							38	1.6%
Scott ALC	283	12.4%	268	14.4%	184	7.6%		

Percentage of Infractions represents the school's percentage of district total.
Woodville-Tompkins has only ninth and tenth grade students for SY 2012-2013.

■ School/program did not exist during this period.