J3 — PBIS in Theory & Policy: Development & Implementation of Disciplinary Policies & Procedures

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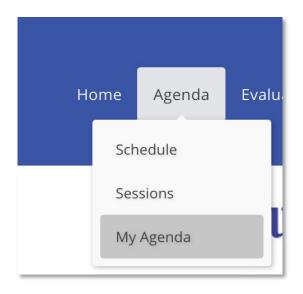
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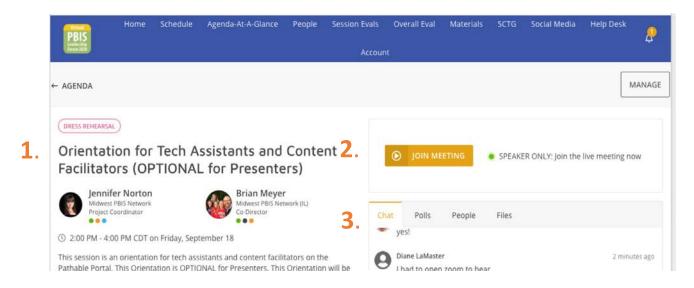






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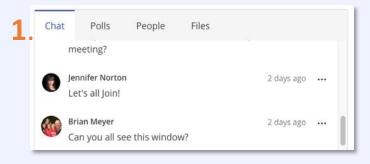


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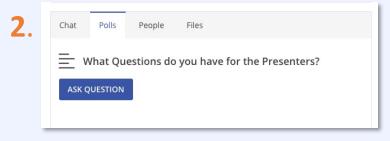
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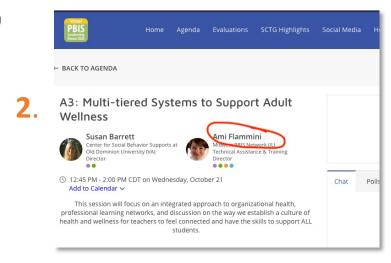


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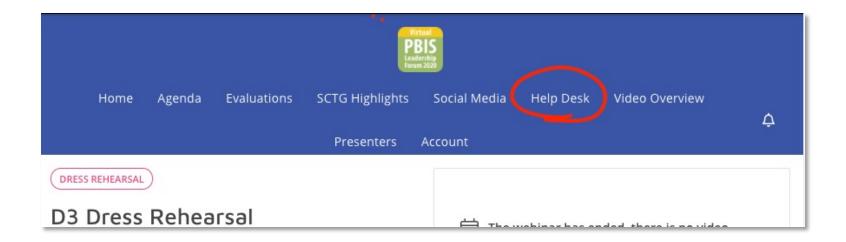






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Outcomes

This session will discuss best practices for policy revision and implementation that can increase equitable and preventative school frameworks.

Agenda

- PBIS Framework in Theory
 - Ambra L. Green, Ph.D.

- PBIS Framework in Policy
 - Exemplar: Highline Public Schools
- *Discussion-centered format
 - Questions and comments are welcomed in the chat

History of Discipline Policies

- 100-year history
- Safe School Study
 - While school violence decreased compared to previous years, school crime increased when rules were not clear and/or were extremely punitive.
 - Largest shift towards the need for the use of written policies
- National School Resource Network, and legislation
 - published set of guidelines on developing effective codes of conduct for discipline
 (Fenning & Bohanon, 2006; National Institute of Education, 1978)

Earlier Perceptions of Discipline Policies

A positive way of providing clear guidelines for behavior that would likely result in the "consistent and equitable application of rules for all" while making schools safer.

(Fenning & Bohanon, 2006)

Discipline Policies: Early 1990's

- Gun Free Schools Act of 1994 (GFSA): A series of shooting and deaths in US schools.
 - Mandated an adoption of zero tolerance weapons policies
 - Reduce weapons on campus
 - Reduce school violence and violence at school-sponsored events
- In the 1990's-60% of the US states <u>broadened</u> federal guidelines for zero tolerance:
 - Fighting
 - Drug or alcohol
 - Gang activity
 - Possession of narcotics
 - Disrespect to authority
 - Sexual harassment
 - Verbal threats vandalism
 - ...and all other behaviors considered to disrupt the school environment

(Congressional Quarterly Incorporated, 2000; Skiba & Peterson, 1999)

Effects of Zero Tolerance and Exclusionary Policies

- Overrepresentation of students of color and students with disabilities receiving exclusionary practices for minor and arbitrary behaviors unrelated to weapons or drugs (Skiba et al., 2000).
- Policies are theoretically unsound, empirically unsupported, and fall prey to several legal critiques (Losen, 2013; Mongan & Walker, 2012; Skiba et al., 2000).

Addressing Discipline Disparities

Civil Rights Data Collection Surveys



The **2013-14 Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC)** is a survey of all public schools and school districts in the United States. The CRDC measures student access to courses, programs, instructional and other staff, and resources – as well as school climate factors, such as student discipline and bullying and harassment – that impact education equity and opportunity for students. The U.S. Department of Education (ED) will release additional data highlights later in 2016 on key topics such as student discipline, early learning access, teacher and staffing equity, access to courses and programs that foster college and career readiness, and chronic student absenteeism. The full CRDC data file may be downloaded now; please visit crdc.ed.gov for more information. In Fall 2016, the public will be able to look up 2013-14 CRDC data for individual schools, school districts, and states by visiting the CRDC website at ccd.ed.gov.

Addressing Discipline Disparities Cnt.

- Civil Rights Data Collection Surveys
- Dear Colleagues Letter (2014)





December 8, 2014

Dear Colleague,

Although the overall number of youth involved in the juvenile justice system has been decreasing, there are still more than 60,000 young people in juvenile justice residential facilities in the United States on any given day. With the support of grants administered by the U.S. Department of Education (ED) and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), juvenile justice residential facilities provide educational services to hundreds of thousands of students over the course of each year. ²

Addressing Discipline Disparities Cnt.

- Dear Colleagues Letter (2014)
 - Remove zero tolerance and exclusionary policies
 - Multi-tiered behavioral frameworks
 - Manage discipline equitably
 - Implementing PBIS
 - Restorative Practices



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Discipline disproportionality is one of the most significant problems in education today (Gregory, Skiba, & Noguera, 2010; U.S. Government Accountability Office, 2013). The results of decades of research consistently show that students of color, particularly African American students (and even more so for African American boys and those with disabilities), are at significantly increased risk for receiving exclusionary discipline practices, including office discipline referrals and suspensions (e.g., Fabelo et al., 2011; Girvan et al., in press; Losen & Gillespie, 2012). These differences have been found consistently across geographic regions and cannot be adequately explained by the correlation between race and poverty (Noltemeyer & Mcloughlin, 2010; Morris & Perry, 2016). Given the negative effects of exclusionary discipline on a range of student outcomes (American Academy of Pediatrics Council on School Health, 2013), educators must address this issue by identifying rates of discipline disproportionality, taking steps to reduce it, and monitoring the effects of intervention on disproportionality. Disproportionality in exclusionary discipline blocks us from the overall objective of promoting positive outcomes for every student.

Components of Effective Intervention to Prevent and Reduce Discipline Disproportionality

No single strategy will be sufficient to produce substantive and sustainable change. Multiple components may be needed, but not all components may be necessary in all schools. We describe here a 5-point multicomponent approach to reduce discipline disproportionality in schools.

Collect, Use, and Report Disaggregated Discipline Data

Any school or district committed to reducing discipline disproportionality should adopt data systems that can disaggregate student data by race, ethnicity, and disability and provide instantaneous access to these data for both school and district teams. Some discipline data systems for entering and analyzing office discipline referrals





Using Discipline Data within SWPBIS to Identify and Address Disproportionality: A Guide for School Teams



Key Elements of Policies to Address Discipline Disproportionality: A Guide for District and School Teams

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Examples of Engaging Instruction to Increase Equity in Education

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PBIS Cultural Responsiveness Field Guide: Resources for Trainers and Coaches

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- 7 domains
- Examples and non-examples

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Systematic Review of District Discipline Policies

- Coded 147 policies
 - Hawaii and D.C. coded as 1 policy each
- Checklist for Analyzing District Policies and Procedures for Equity (CADPPE)
 - Adapted from Discipline
 Disproportionality Policy
 Guidebook and other policy
 checklists (Longstreth et al.
 2013, Fenning and Bohanon,
 2006)
 - 7 Domains Elements and Early Childhood Section
 - 47 Questions



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Key Elements of Effective Policy to Enhance Equity in School Discipline

Based on the limited research available, we recommend seven key elements for equity policies (and policies in general). These elements include:

- Specific Commitment to Equity
- 2. Family Partnerships in Policy Development
- Focus on Implementing Positive, Proactive Behavior Support Practices
- Clear, Objective Discipline Procedures
- Removal or Reduction of Exclusionary Practices
- Graduated Discipline Systems with Instructional Alternatives to Exclusion
- Procedures with Accountability for Equitable Student Outcomes

CADPPE

Checklist for Analyzing Discipline Policies and Procedures for Equity (CADPPE)

Adapted from Fenning and Bohanon, 2006; Green et al., 2015; Longstreth et al., 2013

Element 4: Clear, Objective Discipline Procedures			
✓			
	21. Does the policy/ procedure provide clear delineations between major and minor behavior incidents?		
	22. Are problem behaviors operationally defined?		
	23. Are rights and responsibilities for adults and students defined?		

Element 5: Absence, Removal, or Reduction of Exclusionary Practices				
✓				
	25. Is "zero tolerance" (i.e., other automatic suspension procedures for certain behaviors) mentioned as a			
	practice/strategy in the district policy/ procedure?			
	28. Does the policy/ procedure restrict the use of exclusionary discipline (i.e., ISS, OSS, or Expulsion) for non-			
	violent behavior incidents (e.g., suspensions for disrespect)?			
	26. Is there clear communication that suspension or expulsion is limited to behavior incidents that pose a serious and			
	credible threat to the safety of students and staff?			
	27. Does the policy/ procedure include descriptions of and guidelines for using alternatives to suspension?			

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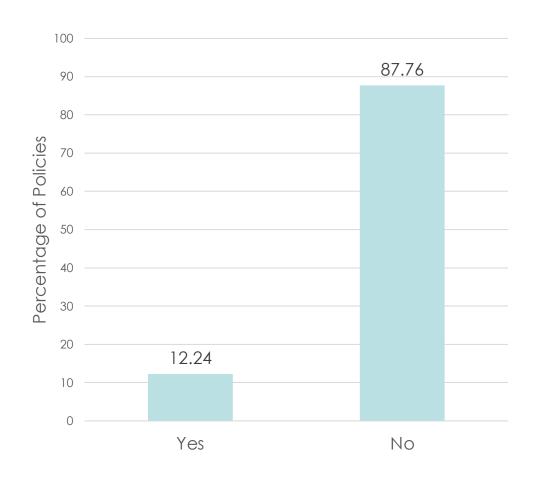
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	Element 6: Graduated Discipline Systems with Instructional Alternatives to Exclusion			
✓				
	29. Does the policy/ procedure provide lists of possible instructional responses in place of punitive responses? (If the answer is no, skip to question #31.)			
	30. Does the list include one or more evidence-based strategies (e.g., behavior specific praise, opportunities to respond, precorrection)?			
	31. Does the policy/ procedure provide <i>universal</i> (or general) strategies for students exhibiting problem behaviors?			
	32. Does the policy/ procedure provide <i>secondary</i> strategies for students at-risk for problem behaviors?			
	33. Does the policy/ procedure provide <i>tertiary</i> strategies for children who exhibit chronic and intense problem behavior?			
	34. Is there a process for assessing academic support needs as part of determining responses to behavior incidents (e.g., student support teams assess academic risk as a potential reason for problem behavior)?			

Systematic Review Data

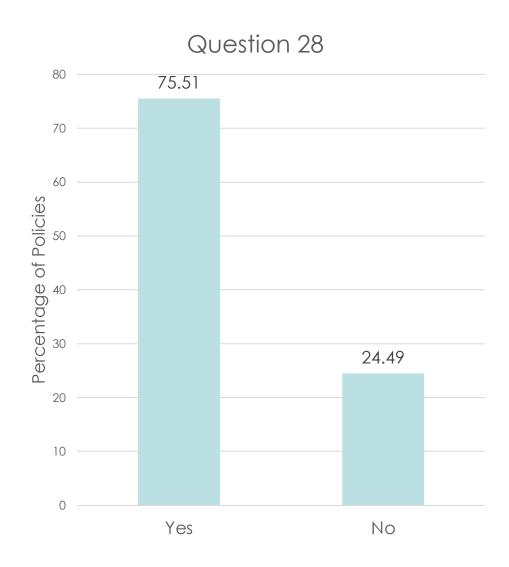
 Does the policy provide practices for reinforcing prosocial and expected behaviors?

Question 22



Systematic Review Data Cnt.

 Is "zero tolerance" (i.e., automatic suspension procedures for certain behaviors) mentioned as a practice/strategy in the district policy?



What common themes exist in district discipline policies across the 50 United States and the District of Columbia?

- The overall percentage of items in place barely exceeded 50%.
- The maximum percent of items in place for each element ranged from 50% to 100%.
- The average percent of items in place for each item ranged from 0.68% to 59.18%.

Table 2. Average of Checklist Scores by Element

	N	1ean		Min		Max
Total	8.09	17.98%	0	0.00%	25	55.56%
E1	0.57	11.42%	0	0.00%	3	60.00%
E2	1.67	20.83%	0	0.00%	6	75.00%
E3	1.29	18.46%	0	0.00%	6	85.71%
E4	1.77	59.18%	0	0.00%	3	100.00%
E5	1.32	33.16%	0	0.00%	4	100.00%
E6	1.11	18.59%	0	0.00%	6	100.00%
E7	0.31	3.99%	0	0.00%	7	87.50%
E8	0.02	0.68%	0	0.00%	2	50.00%

What is the relationship between themes found in a district's discipline policy and the risk ratio of ISS, OSS, and expulsion for students of color with and without disabilities?

Table 3. Correlations between Total Percent Checklist Score and Risk Ratio

•	Not statistically significant; small
	correlations

HOWEVER,

- higher scores on the checklist are correlated with a decreased risk ratio for exclusionary discipline for students without disabilities.
- higher scores on the checklist are correlated with decreased risk ratios for exclusionary discipline for students with disabilities identifying as Hispanic, African American, and Native American.

	Without Disabilities	With Disabilities		
Hispanic				
ISS	023	115		
oss	121	146		
EXP	062	.087		
African American				
ISS	038	007		
oss	.023	073		
EXP	006	.053		
Native American				
ISS	.066	.026		
oss	043	091		
EXP	.134	031		

Non-examples of Policy Statements

- Students suspended from school will receive up to a maximum of 50% credit for all make up work completed for the time they were suspended from school.
- Missing an assigned detention or misbehaving during a detention will result in referral to the office for disciplinary action. Subsequent offenses will include in or out-of-school suspension.
- Many policies continue to use suspension for truancy and attendance.

Policy Recommendations

- Language that is more conversational and less legal to ensure that it is available to everyone.
- Define district-wide (or school-wide) expectations.
- Define prosocial behaviors.
- Define undesired behaviors.
- Graduated discipline policy.
- Separate equity policies ensuring the use of equitable practices.
- Instructional approaches (e.g., re-teach expectations, model).
- Evidence-based practices (e.g., precorrection, positive specific feedback, reinforcement).

Policy Recommendations Cnt.

Include a Specific Commitment to Equity

- Create mission statements that include equity
- Enact hiring preferences for equitable discipline

Install Effective Practices

- Require clear, objective school discipline procedures
- Support implementation of proactive, positive approaches to discipline
- Replace exclusionary practices w/ instructional ones

Create Accountability for Efforts

- Create teams and procedures to enhance equity
- Share disproportionality data regularly
- Build equity outcomes into evaluations



Our Promise: Every student is known by name, strength & need, and graduates prepared for the future they choose.

Our Foundation

Equity

Instruction

Relationships

Support

Demographics--Students & Staff

Students

- AmericanIndian/Alaska Native:1%
- Asian: 15%
- Black/African
 American: 15%
- Hispanic: 40%
- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander: 4%
- 2+ Races: 6%
- White: 20%

Staff

- AmericanIndian/Alaska Native:1%
- Asian: 9%
- Black/African
 American: 5%
- Hispanic: 11%
- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander: 1%
- 2+ Races: 4%
- White: 69%

Demographics--Students

Top 5 Languages

- English 57%
- Spanish 27%
- Vietnamese 4%
- Somali 3%
- Amharic 2%

Program Information

- ELL: 28%
- Special Ed: 17%
- Highly Capable: 4%
- Native Education: 2%
- Dual Language: 13%

Highline's Timeline

- Superintendent Enfield arrives July 1, 2012
- 2012-13 school year District engages in data review and community engagement process to result in a new strategic plan with a metric of "zero suspensions except when needed for staff or student safety"
 - This metric was embedded in our "school culture" goal
- Fall 2013 opened with the new belief around reducing suspensions, but our policies hadn't changed yet

Highline's Discipline Policies

- We looked at changing policy to reflect our goals and beliefs
 - Focused primarily on our discipline policy (what can students be disciplined for) as well as our PBIS-specific policy
- Discipline policy is required by Washington State law, which sets a floor for discipline; policy was updated in 2014, 2015, and 2017; procedure updated in 2014, 15, 17, 18, and 19
 - Broad, cross-departmental team to create the 2014 and 2019 changes

PBIS Policy

 PBIS policy & procedure are Highline-specific, created in 2014 to reflect the goals of the strategic plan--ensuring that school is a place students want to be

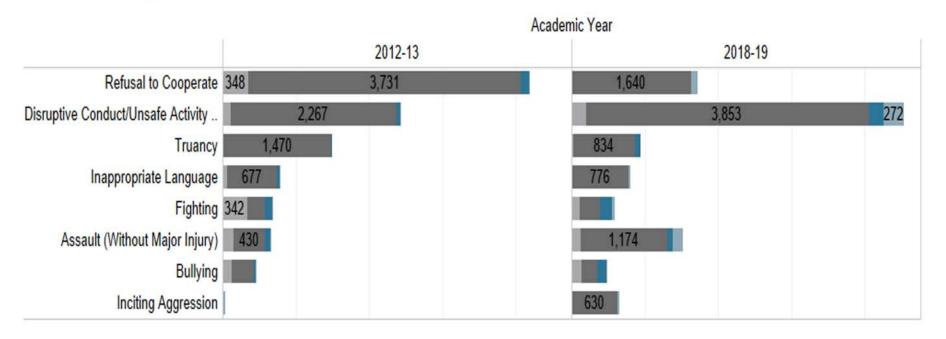
 Policy & procedure revised in 2018 to reflect our updated strategic plan and especially the updated school culture goal

Top Behavior Incidents School years 2012-13 & 2018-19

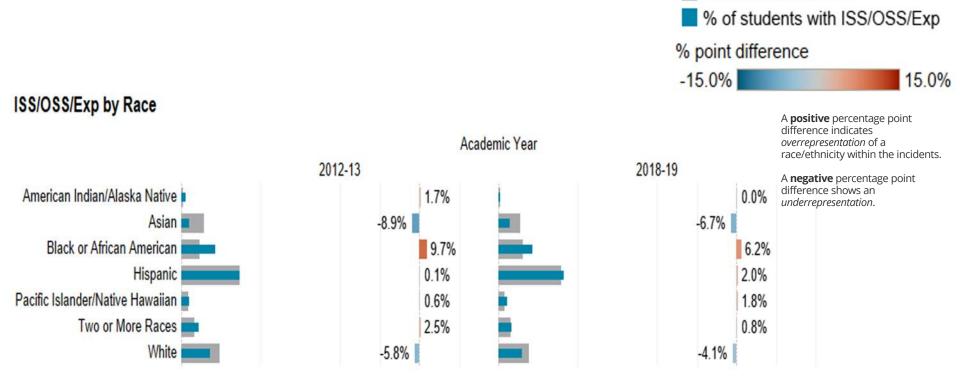
Cedars Consequence Code

Classroom Exclusion
In-School Suspension
Other
Out-of-School Suspension/Expulsion

Consequences by Incident Type - 2012-2013 & 2018-2019



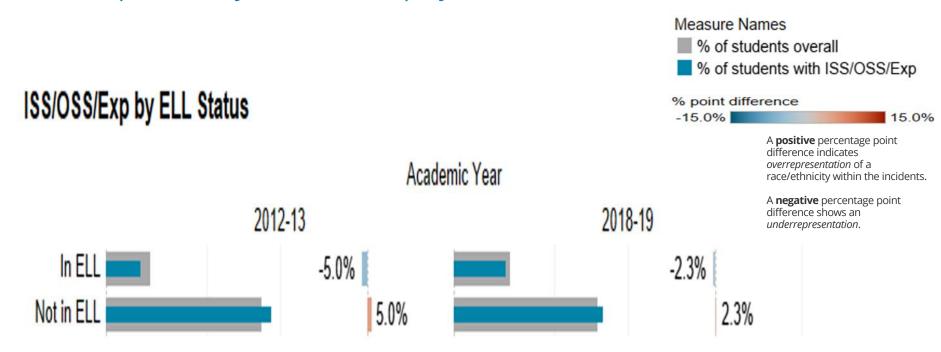
Overall Proportionality of ISS/OSS/Exp by Race



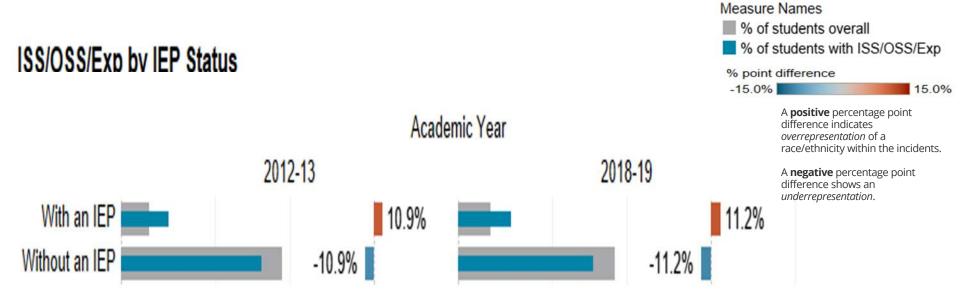
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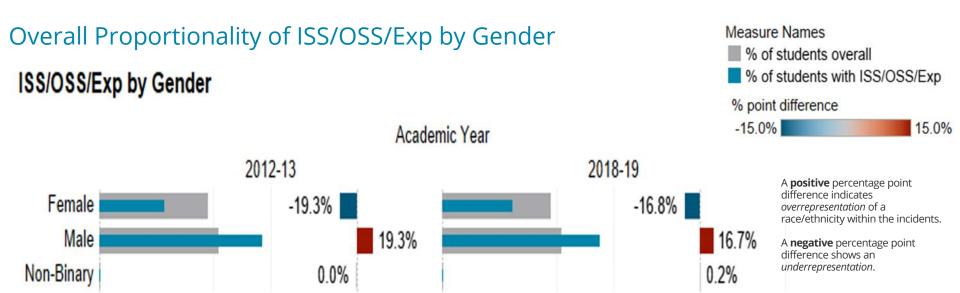
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Overall Proportionality of ISS/OSS/Exp by ELL status



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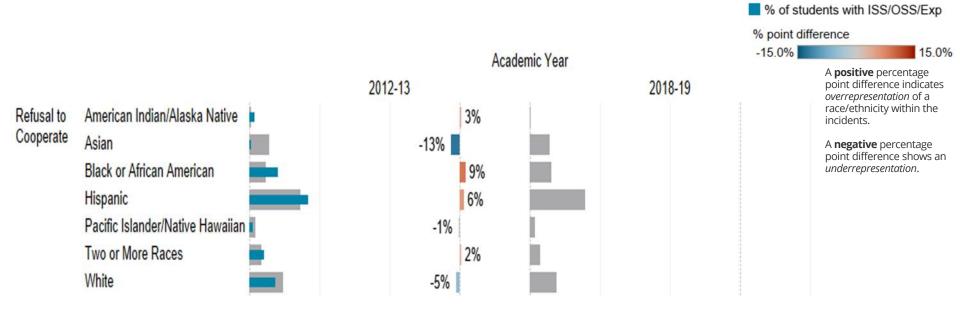




Behavior by Incident Type

Top Incident Types

Race Proportionality of ISS/OSS/Exp for Refusal to Cooperate

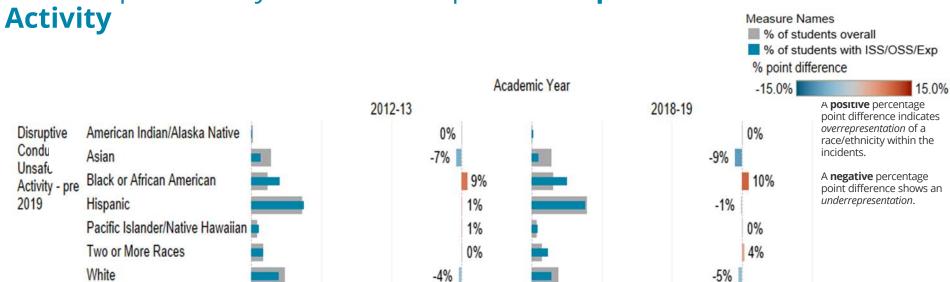


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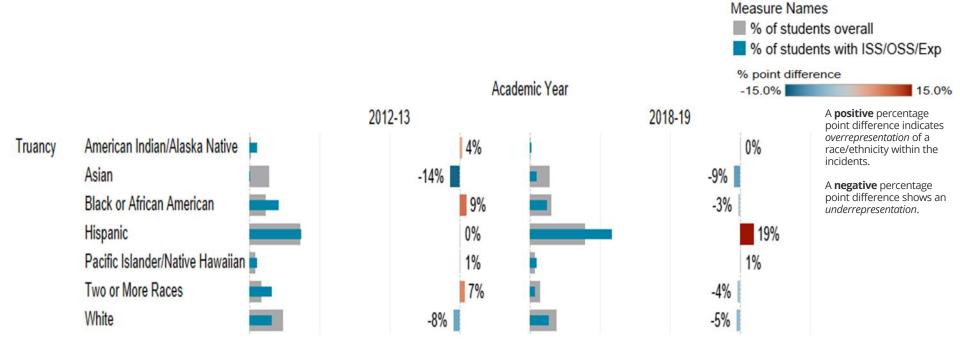
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Top Incident Types

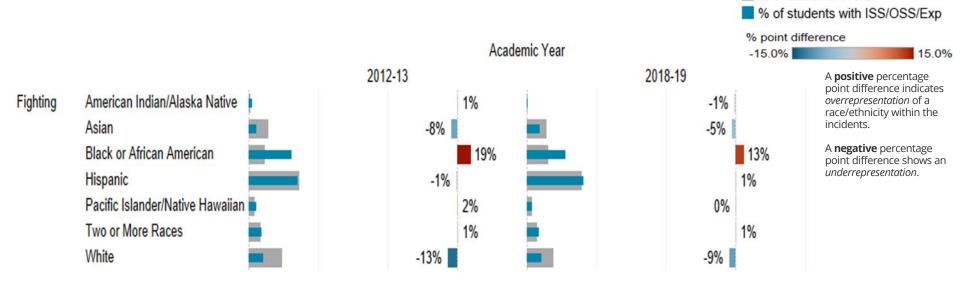
Race Proportionality of ISS/OSS/Exp for **Disruptive Conduct/Unsafe**



Top Incident Types Race Proportionality of ISS/OSS/Exp for Truancy



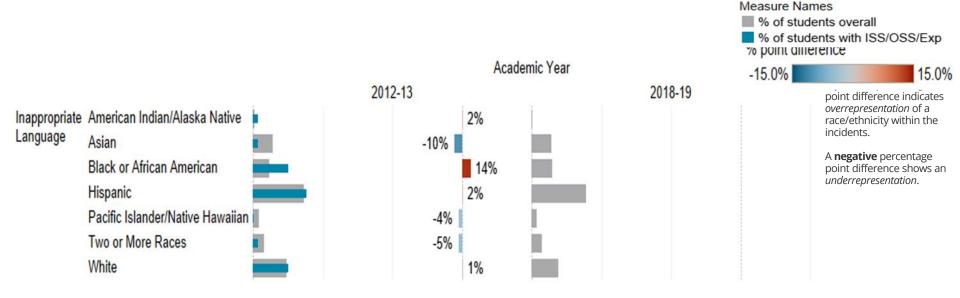
Top Incident Types Race Proportionality of ISS/OSS/Exp for Fighting



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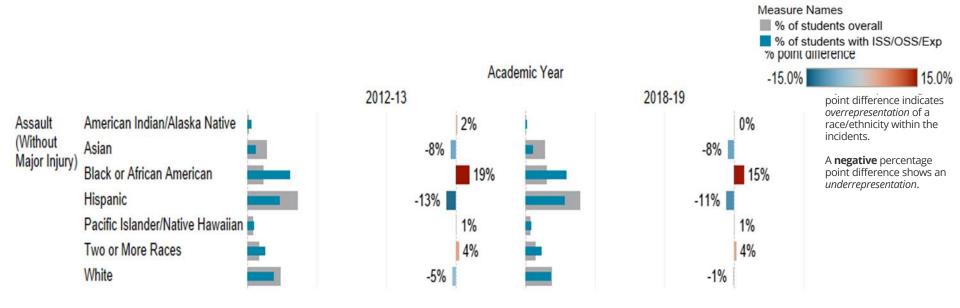
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Top Incident Types Race Proportionality of ISS/OSS/Exp for Inappropriate Language

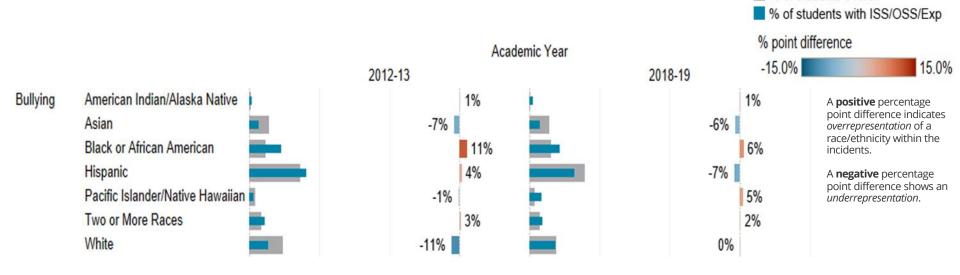


Top Incident Types

Race Proportionality of ISS/OSS/Exp for **Assault (without major injury)**



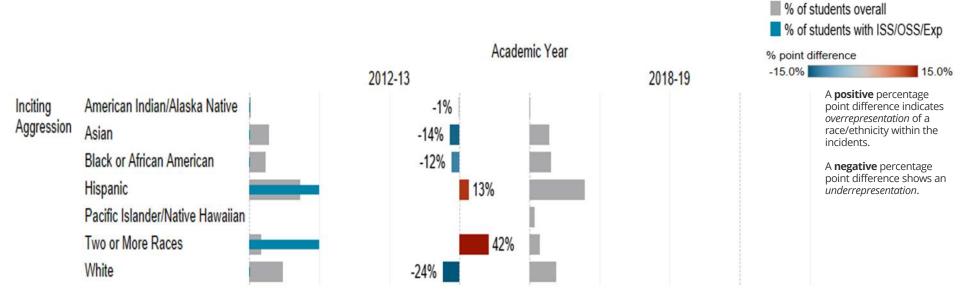
Top Incident Types Race Proportionality of ISS/OSS/Exp for **Bullying**



Measure Names

% of students overall

Top Incident Types Race Proportionality of ISS/OSS/Exp for **Bullying**



Measure Names

What We've Learned

- Words matter
- If suspension is the only tool you know, it's the only tool you use
- PBIS & SEL need to be infused throughout all things, including PD
- Teach, reteach applies to adults as well as students
- Organizational & personnel changes should be accompanied by recommitting to your systemic goals/beliefs
- State or Federal rules or laws can hamper your ability to innovate
- At the end of the day, student success is tied to family engagement, staff involvement, and a belief that all students are beautiful, brilliant, and brimming with promise!

Questions?



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