School Discipline Resources

Federal Guidance

U.S. Department of Education, School Climate and Discipline Guidance Package (January 2014)

Illinois Statutory Provisions

Suspension and Expulsion (105 ILCS 5/10-22.6)

Maintenance of Discipline (105 ILCS 5/24-24)

Alternative Public Schools and Alternative Learning Opportunities (105 ILCS 5/13A and 13B)

School Discipline Report; School Discipline Improvement Plan (105 ILCS 5/2-3.160 new, Effective August 28, 2014)

Illinois Guidance


Advocacy and Know-Your-Rights Resources

School Discipline and Expulsion: Rights and Resources for Parents (The Law Project of the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless)

What Parents and Advocates Need to Know about School Discipline in Chicago Public Schools (The Law Project of the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless). Also published in Spanish.

Fact Sheets on Special Education and School Discipline (Equip for Equality).

Parents' Guide to Suspensions and Expulsion in Illinois Public Schools (Illinois Legal Aid Online).


Recent Reports and Data

National

Civil Rights Data Collection (U.S. Department of Education).

School Discipline Data (Center for Civil Remedies at the UCLA Civil Rights Project)

The School Discipline Consensus Report: Strategies from the Field to Keep Students Engaged in School and Out of the Juvenile Justice System (The Council of State Governments Justice Center, June 2014)

National Clearinghouse on Supportive School Discipline (American Institutes for Research)
Discipline Disparities: Briefing Papers (Discipline Disparities Research to Practice Collaborative, Equity Project at Indiana University)

Accountability Guidelines on School Pushout and Charter Schools (Dignity in Schools, October 2014)

Out of School & Off Track: The Overuse of Suspensions in American Middle and High Schools (Center for Civil Remedies at the UCLA Civil Rights Project, April 2013).

Closing the School Discipline Gap Conference and Research Papers (Center for Civil Rights Remedies at UCLA's Civil Rights Project, Education Week, Gallup, and the Equity Project at Indiana University, 2013).


Opportunities Suspended: The Disparate Impact of Disciplinary Exclusion from School (Center for Civil Rights Remedies at the Civil Right Project, August 2012).


Illinois

Illinois State Board of Education, Data on Suspensions and Expulsions by District

Illinois State Board of Education, School Climate Resources

Chicago-Area

CPS Data on Suspensions and Expulsions (under Metrics)


From Policy to Standard Practice: Restorative Justice in Chicago Public Schools (High H.O.P.E.S. Campaign, Spring 2012).


Policing Chicago Public Schools: A Series of Reports on School-based Arrests of Chicago Youth (Project Nia).

Reaching Black Boys (Catalyst Chicago, May/June 2009).

Suspension Stories (Rogers Park Young Women's Action Team and Project NIA)
Organizations

National

Advancement Project: Ending the Schoolhouse to Jailhouse Track
American Civil Liberties Union: School to Prison Pipeline
Children’s Defense Fund: Cradle to Prison Pipeline Campaign
Council of State Governments: School Discipline Consensus Project
Dignity in Schools Campaign
National Economic and Social Rights Initiative: Human Right to Education Program
NAACP Legal Defense Fund: School to Prison Pipeline
UCLA Civil Rights Project: School Discipline Research

Illinois

Equip for Equality
Illinois Balanced and Restorative Justice (IBARJ)
Illinois PBIS Network
Illinois Safe Schools Alliance

Chicago-Area

Cabrini Green Legal Aid
Chicago Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law: Educational Equity Project
Chicago Coalition for the Homeless: Law Project
James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy (Evanston)
Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Chicago Coalition for Fairness in School Discipline (Chicago Coalition)
Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago
Project NIA
Voices of Youth in Chicago Education (VOYCE)