

# Policy to Eliminate Willful Defiance

Passed in 2016

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This policy was a recommendation to eliminate Willful Defiance and Disruption as a basis for expulsion.

This policy was intended to identify and disrupt the disproportionate harm being done to primarily Black male students in its implementation.

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## In this policy:

Evidence provided outlined that in the 2011-2014 school years, the African American suspension rate for disruption/willful defiance declined from 1050 incidents to 630 incidents or a 37% decline. However, African American males continue to experience significantly disproportionate discipline for disruption/willful defiance.

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In addition to eliminating Willful Defiance/Disruption as grounds for expulsion, it also called on the district to continue their efforts to reduce the disproportionate rate of Black student suspensions/expulsions and transformation of school culture and climate by further investment and expansions of programs such as: standards and expectations.

