

SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS

NOTABLE FACTS:

Maximum learning occurs in environments that are safe, free from distractions, and stimulating. The maintenance of safe and orderly learning environments is fundamental to the district mission. Students may be expelled or suspended for certain offenses against persons or property. Expulsion is the permanent removal of a student from a school or from the district. Suspension is temporary removal from school, usually fewer than five days.

WHAT IS BEING MEASURED:

The charts that follow show the actual number of students suspended or expelled in the last three years. The first chart shows expulsion for the more serious offenses broken out by ethnic group. The second chart, which continues onto page 72 shows suspensions by school and ethnic group.

Three-Year Expulsion Totals by Ethnicity

Year	African American	Asian	Filipino	Hispanic	Native American	Pacific Islander	White	Other	Total Expulsions
2004	9	2	2	11	1	1	32	0	58
2005	3	2	2	7	0	1	14	2	31
2006	4	5	0	8	0	1	28	5	51

Schools	African American			Asian			Filipino			Hispanic		
	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006
Number of Suspensions												
All Elementary	26	7	5	5	3	4	1	3	4	12	2	4
MIDDLE SCHOOLS												
Bernardo Heights	14	3	2	6	9	2	3	3	0	7	5	8
Black Mountain	12	17	2	7	4	2	9	13	1	19	4	15
Meadowbrook	8	12	3	3	2	2	4	6	3	28	23	40
Mesa Verde	14	5	14	5	8	8	2	6	3	5	4	8
Oak Valley ¹	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	0	-	-	5
Twin Peaks	2	1	2	1	1	0	0	2	3	16	13	15
All Middle Schools	50	38	24	22	24	16	18	30	10	75	49	91
HIGH SCHOOLS												
Abraxas	2	8	8	2	6	10	0	6	1	8	14	11
Mt. Carmel	14	18	32	2	16	14	2	13	22	21	28	36
Poway	3	8	8	2	2	1	4	9	2	21	34	30
Rancho Bernardo	6	19	6	8	9	6	1	5	5	8	24	8
Westview	4	10	7	5	8	9	1	4	6	5	5	6
All High Schools	29	63	61	19	41	40	8	37	36	63	105	91

¹ Oak Valley Middle School opened in fall 2005.

SUSPENSIONS - PART 2

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Three-Year Suspension Totals By Ethnicity - Part 2

Schools	Native American			Pacific Islander			White			Total Suspensions		
	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006
Number of Suspensions												
All Elementary	1	0	0	0	0	6	47	43	35	92	58	58
MIDDLE SCHOOLS												
Bernardo Heights	0	1	0	2	2	0	42	37	23	74	60	35
Black Mountain	1	0	0	7	2	0	34	12	19	89	52	39
Meadowbrook	0	0	1	0	1	0	46	58	61	89	102	110
Mesa Verde	0	0	0	1	0	0	23	16	10	50	49	43
Oak Valley	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-	36	-	-	44
Twin Peaks	6	0	3	1	1	0	52	22	40	78	40	63
All Middle Schools	7	1	4	11	6	0	197	155	189	380	303	336
HIGH SCHOOLS												
Abraxas	0	1	0	0	0	1	35	74	63	47	109	94
Mt. Carmel	2	1	1	1	1	2	35	77	75	77	154	182
Poway	2	0	0	0	1	0	123	118	81	151	172	122
Rancho Bernardo	0	3	2	0	3	5	45	94	65	68	157	97
Westview	1	2	0	0	0	1	36	40	51	52	69	80
All High Schools	5	7	3	1	5	9	274	403	335	399	661	575

- Oak Valley opened in fall 2005

WHAT THE RESULTS SHOW:

EXPULSIONS: (Page 71)

After a one-year decline in the number of expulsions in 2005, the number bounced back to 51, due to increase among white students (+14). Overall, 51 expulsions for 32,800 students is very low. Hispanic and African American students are slightly over-represented in the number of expulsions for their proportion of enrollment.

SUSPENSIONS: (Page 71 and 72)

Very few suspensions occur at the elementary level the number remained the same in 2005 and 2006. Suspensions at the middle school level increased in 2006, after a significant decline in 2005. African American and Hispanic subgroups are significantly over-represented. At the high school level, suspensions decreased in 2006, but remain high compared to 2004.

NEXT STEPS:

Character Counts! training at the elementary and middle school levels may be influencing suspension/expulsion rates positively. Additional funding of counselors through wellness grants at elementary levels may be a second contributing factor. Continuation of these efforts is indicated. Proactive high school programs may be needed.