



## Civil Rights Data Shows Disparities for Students with Disabilities and Students of Color

### Description

The Office for Civil Rights, Department of Education, released last week, the results of the [national data collection for the 2011-2012 school year](#).

African American students are suspended and expelled at a rate three times greater than white students; and students with disabilities are more than twice as likely to receive out-of-school suspensions that students without disabilities.

Another shocking statistic: students with disabilities represent a quarter of the students arrested and referred to law enforcement, even though they represent 12% of the student population!

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