

How can we keep our kids in class?

REDUCE EXCLUSIONARY DISCIPLINE.

WHAT IS EXCLUSIONARY DISCIPLINE?

Exclusionary discipline is any time that students spend out of class in a discipline-related context. This can take the form of in-school suspension or out-of-school suspensions. They are denounced by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Department of Justice, the Department of Education, the Health and Human Services, and many other social justice advocacy groups.

Importantly, students of color and those with disabilities are suspended at higher rates than white students and those without disabilities.

WHAT ARE THE IMPACTS OF SUSPENSION?



students receive less instructional time and educational materials.



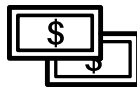
students receive lower grades and standardized test scores than those who were in class.



students are less likely to graduate compared to peers who were not suspended.



parents may need to take time off work to care for their child



students and communities have lower earning potential



relationships in classrooms and schools are damaged

WHAT CAN WE DO TO SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS?

- advocate for your school district to eliminate suspension, especially for young students
- demand transparency in discipline policies and practices
- encourage other parents to discuss these issues

By eliminating out-of-school suspension, we support all children to reach their full potential.

To learn more about the harms of suspensions and regional efforts to eliminate them from school discipline policies and practices, please visit the Forward through Ferguson report (pages 41-44).