

## IN OUR SCHOOLS

### EXPULSIONS: Are Black Students Targeted?

# A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

## 10-day Suspensions With Recommendation for Expulsion (1st Semesters Only)

### High Schools

SCHOOL	WHITE		BLACK		TOTAL
	M	F	M	F	
CAREER CTR.	1	0	4	0	5
CARVER	8	2	9	3	22
EAST	12	1	7	0	20
GLENN	3	0	13	0	16
INDEPEND.	5	0	11	7	23
MT. TABOR	5	1	8	1	15
NORTH	9	0	15	2	26
PARKLAND	6	0	11	0	17
REYNOLDS	2	1	25	8	36
SOUTH PARK	0	0	0	0	0
WEST	7	3	12	2	24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>204</b>

SCHOOL	WHITE		BLACK		TOTAL
	M	F	M	F	
CAREER CTR.	0	0	1	0	1
CARVER	4	2	1	0	7
EAST	5	1	14	4	24
GLENN	2	1	9	0	12
INDEPEND.	2	0	9	1	12
MT. TABOR	2	0	9	3	14
NORTH	12	3	15	2	32
PARKLAND	5	0	20	4	29
REYNOLDS	7	2	21	6	36
SOUTH PARK	0	0	1	1	2
WEST	3	0	8	3	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>183</b>

SCHOOL	WHITE		BLACK		TOTAL
	M	F	M	F	
CAREER CTR.	1	0	0	0	1
CARVER	2	2	3	0	7
EAST	8	0	8	2	18
GLENN	2	0	5	0	7
INDEPEND.	3	0	6	2	11
MT. TABOR	0	0	3	0	3
NORTH	5	0	10	3	18
PARKLAND	3	0	5	0	8
REYNOLDS	2	0	10	6	18
SOUTH PARK	0	0	1	0	1
WEST	0	1	6	3	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>81</b>

### Middle Schools

SCHOOL	WHITE		BLACK		TOTAL
	M	F	M	F	
ASHLEY	1	0	6	3	10
ATKINS	1	0	1	2	4
COOK	0	0	9	5	14
HANES	1	0	5	5	11
HILL	2	0	2	0	4
KENNEDY	0	0	1	0	1
MNRL SPGS.	4	1	3	1	9
NORTHWEST	0	1	1	0	2
PAISLEY	0	0	7	1	8
PETREE	0	0	8	3	11
PHILO	2	0	2	0	4
WALKER-T	0	0	0	1	1
WILEY	0	1	2	0	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>82</b>

SCHOOL	WHITE		BLACK		TOTAL
	M	F	M	F	
ASHLEY	0	0	2	3	5
ATKINS	1	0	3	1	5
COOK	1	0	12	1	14
HANES	1	0	3	0	4
HILL	1	1	1	0	3
KENNEDY	0	0	0	0	0
MNRL SPGS.	7	1	5	1	14
NORTHWEST	0	0	3	0	3
PAISLEY	1	0	7	3	11
PETREE	0	0	1	0	1
PHILO	2	0	3	0	5
WALKER-T	1	2	0	0	3
WILEY	1	1	4	1	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>75</b>

SCHOOL	WHITE		BLACK		TOTAL
	M	F	M	F	
ASHLEY	0	0	1	0	1
ATKINS	1	0	5	2	8
COOK	0	0	2	0	2
HANES	0	0	3	0	3
HILL	1	0	5	0	6
KENNEDY	0	0	8	2	10
MNRL SPGS.	5	0	3	0	8
NORTHWEST	0	0	0	0	0
PAISLEY	2	0	1	0	3
PETREE	3	0	1	0	4
PHILO	0	0	4	0	4
WALKER-T	1	0	2	0	3
WILEY	2	0	3	0	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>71</b>

## Students Say Peer Pressure, Favoritism To Whites is Key to High Black Expulsion

By KAREN M. HANNON  
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Several students in area high schools and middle schools offered a myriad of reasons why the expulsion rate among blacks far exceeded that of whites.

They said that in certain instances teachers might allow a white student to get away with committing an infraction whereas a black student is usually punished. They also said a black student might be quicker to respond to peer pressure in taking out aggression on other students or teachers.

"I know some kids that have gotten away with things that another student might go to the office for," said Dorn Summey, an eighth-grader at Paisley Middle School.

Kevin Kindle, another Paisley eighth-grader, agreed.

"Yeah, I think just as many white kids do things that are just as serious, but they just don't get caught," Kindle said. "But some teachers do let some people get away with things that somebody else might not get away with."

Daniel Sellner said he does not think race is a determining factor in whether a student is expelled from school.

"I think it has to do more with the individual," said Sellner, an eighth-grader at Paisley. "If somebody wants to cause trouble, they're going to do it. It's all about whether they choose to be a trouble-maker and consciously do things to get into trouble."

Kindle said he knows three students who have been expelled for having either a gun or drugs on school grounds.

"Most of the time, it seemed like it wasn't really their fault," he said. "They were holding something for somebody else and they got caught."

The students also said a prior behavioral record at school might have something to do with the difference in numbers.

"Some students might not get expelled if they have a good reputation," Sellner said. "They might just get suspended for a few days or go to ISC (in-school suspension)."

And although peer pressure is most intense during adolescent years, Sellner said he doesn't think students who are expelled are concerned about their peers' reactions when they hear the news through the grapevine at school.

"I don't think the students who are expelled really care how the

other kids feel about them," Sellner said.

Kimberly Clendenen had a different opinion.

"I think most of the kids who get expelled do things to show off," Clendenen said. "So they can act like it doesn't bother them for their friends to find out, but I think it may bother them inside."

Fifteen-year-old Quentin Deloatch, a student at Reynolds High School, said he thinks some students who are expelled are influenced by their peers and may have negative attitudes.

"The people they hang around might be the cause," Deloatch said. "And a black person might take their anger out on a person if someone says the wrong thing to them, whereas a white person might just walk away."

Juleen Parker, a 16-year-old who attends Reynolds, said the root of the problem might be in the home.

"It has to do with different upbringings," Parker said. "It's part of the parents' responsibility to make sure the kid gets a good upbringing at home. But students need to be responsible for their actions, too."

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