

SY 2014-15
DC Public Charter School
Discipline and
Attendance Briefing

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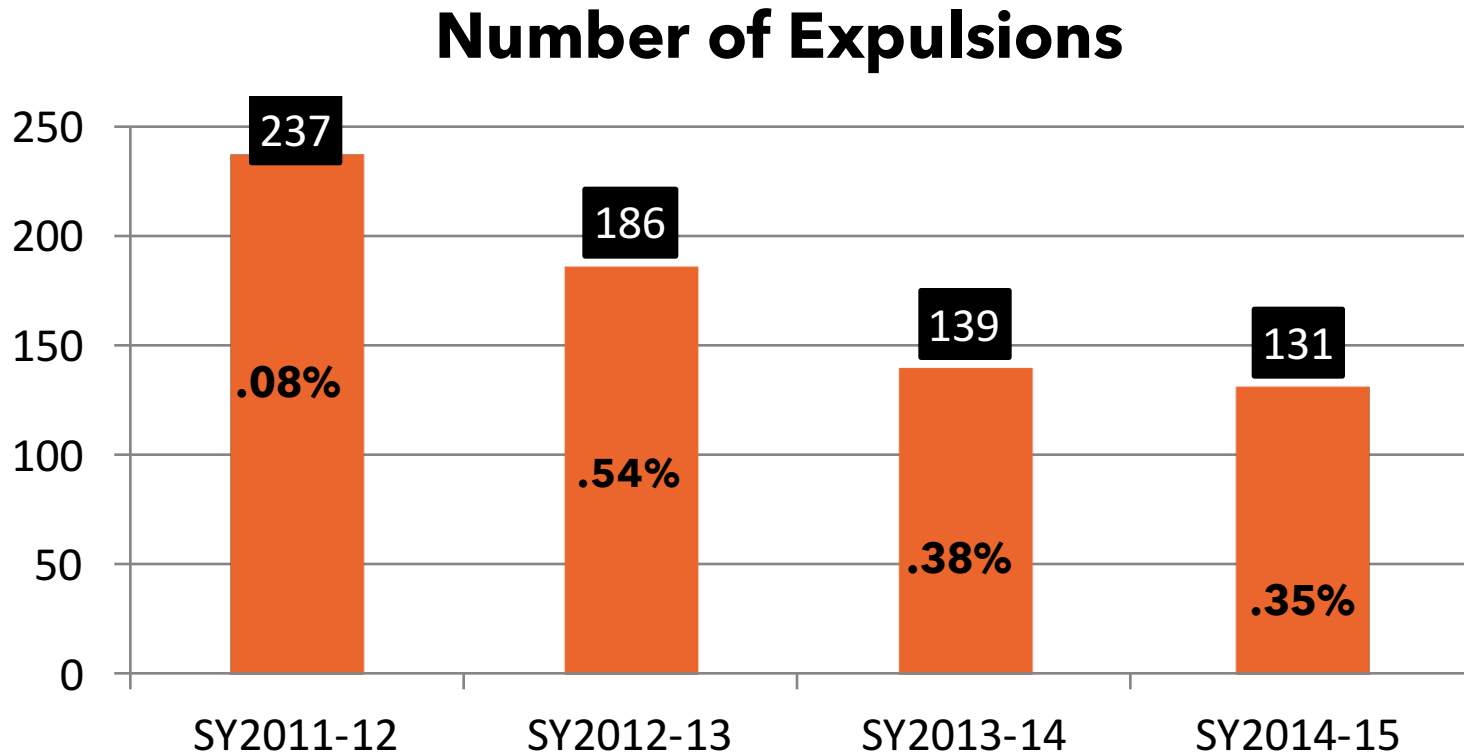
Key Takeaways: School Year 2014-15

PCSB's goal is to encourage public charter schools to create and implement effective discipline policies.

- › Expulsions: ↓ from 139 to 131
- › Suspensions: ↓ from 11.9% to 10.9%
- › In Seat Attendance: ↑ from 91.6% to 92.0%
- › Truancy: ↓ from 14.9% to 14.7%



Expulsions: PK to 12 and Adult Programs



- Expulsions down by nearly half
- Expulsion rate cut in half and within national norms



Expulsions: Most Improved

School	Ward	SY2013-14 Rate	SY2014-15 Rate
César Chávez PCS for Public Policy – Parkside Middle School	7	2%	0.3%
E.L. Haynes PCS – Kansas Avenue (High School)	4	1.8%	0.0%
Maya Angelou PCS – Young Adult Learning Center	7	0.7%	0.0%
César Chávez PCS for Public Policy – Parkside High School	7	1.1%	0.0%
Center City PCS – Petworth	4	0.8%	0.0%
Capital City PCS – High School	4	1.5%	0.3%

- ▶ 75 campuses did not expel a student in SY 2014-15 vs. 68 campuses in SY 2013-14



Expulsions: Highest Rate

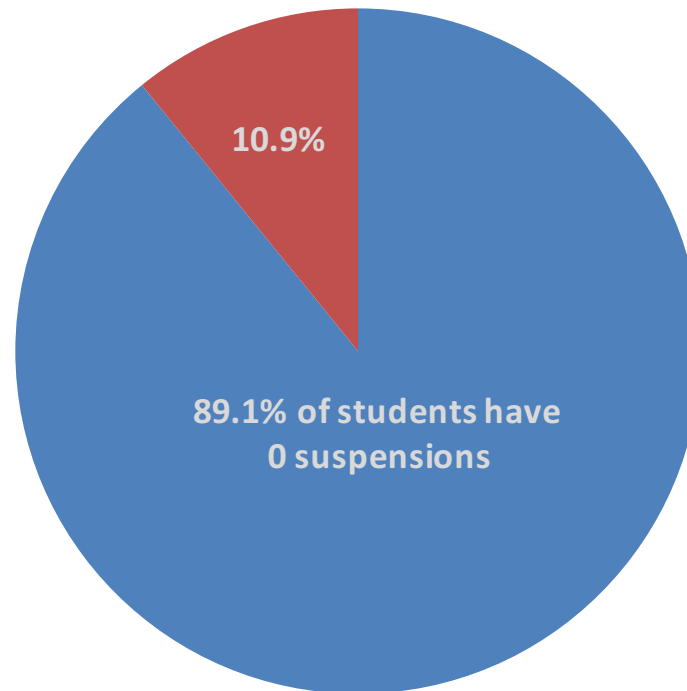
School	Ward	SY 2013-14 Rate	SY 2014-15 Rate
Somerset Preparatory Academy PCS	8	0.0%	5.4%
YouthBuild PCS	1	0.9%	4.5%
LAYC Career Academy PCS	1	1.7%	3.2%
KIPP DC – College Preparatory PCS	5	1.4%	3.1%
KIPP DC – AIM Academy PCS	8	3.3%	2.5%
SEED Public Charter School of Washington, D.C.	7	1.8%	2.4%
Maya Angelou PCS – Evans High School	7	1.0%	2.4%



Out of School Suspensions: Decrease in Sector Average

Out of School Suspension Rate (OSS): % of students with at least one out-of-school suspension

SY 2014-15 Charter Sector Average : 10.86%
(down from 11.90% in SY 2013-14)

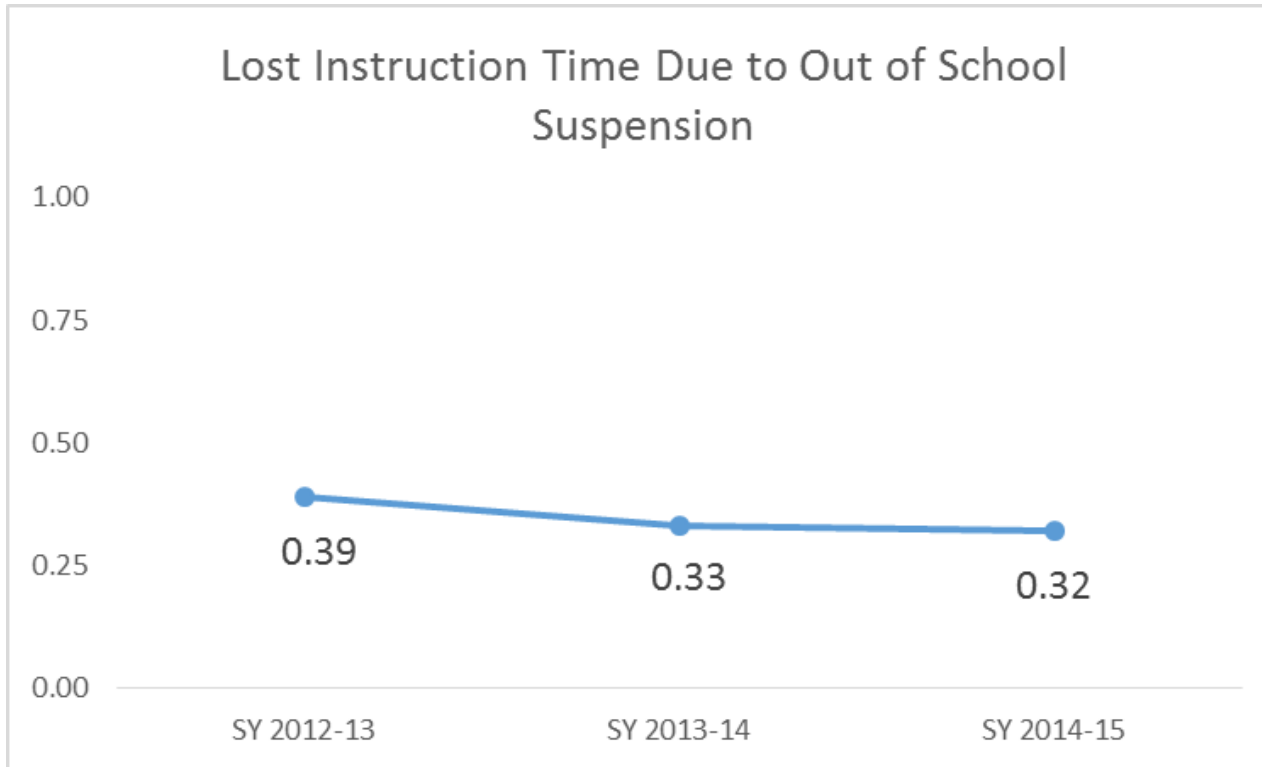


Out of School Suspensions: Decreased Rates

Notable improvements	Ward	# of students
Ingenuity Prep PCS	8	From 38 to 24
César Chávez PCS for Public Policy – Parkside Middle School	7	From 106 to 50
Friendship PCS - Collegiate Academy	7	From 210 to 110
Howard University Middle School of Mathematics and Science PCS	1	From 112 to 59



Lost Instruction Time Due to Out of School Suspension



Lost Instruction Time Due to Out of School Suspension Rate: 0.32% from 0.33% in SY 2013-14

SY 2013-2014	SY 2014-2015
20546 days lost to suspension	21078 days lost to suspension
6155208 enrolled days till 7/9	6600780 enrolled days till 7/9



Long Term Suspensions (11+ Days)

Highest Long Term Suspension Rate	Ward	% of students	# of students
Maya Angelou PCS – HS	7	7.5%	22
KIPP DC – College Preparatory PCS	5	2.2%	4
Options PCS	6	1.1	2
KIPP DC - AIM Academy PCS	8	0.9	3
KIPP DC - WILL Academy PCS	6	0.9	3



Our Role in Addressing Discipline

- ▶ PCSB assesses discipline policies when new applicant groups apply for a charter
- ▶ When schools are up for charter review, PCSB works with the schools on revising charter goals, including goals around discipline
- ▶ Schools' discipline policies are posted on PCSB's website in each school's Student Handbook. All must have the following:
 - Clear explanation of infractions, consequences and due process
 - Explanation of disciplinary steps for students with disabilities
- ▶ PCSB analyzes discipline data monthly to look for trends and alerts schools when they are an outlier with their rate of disciplinary incidences.



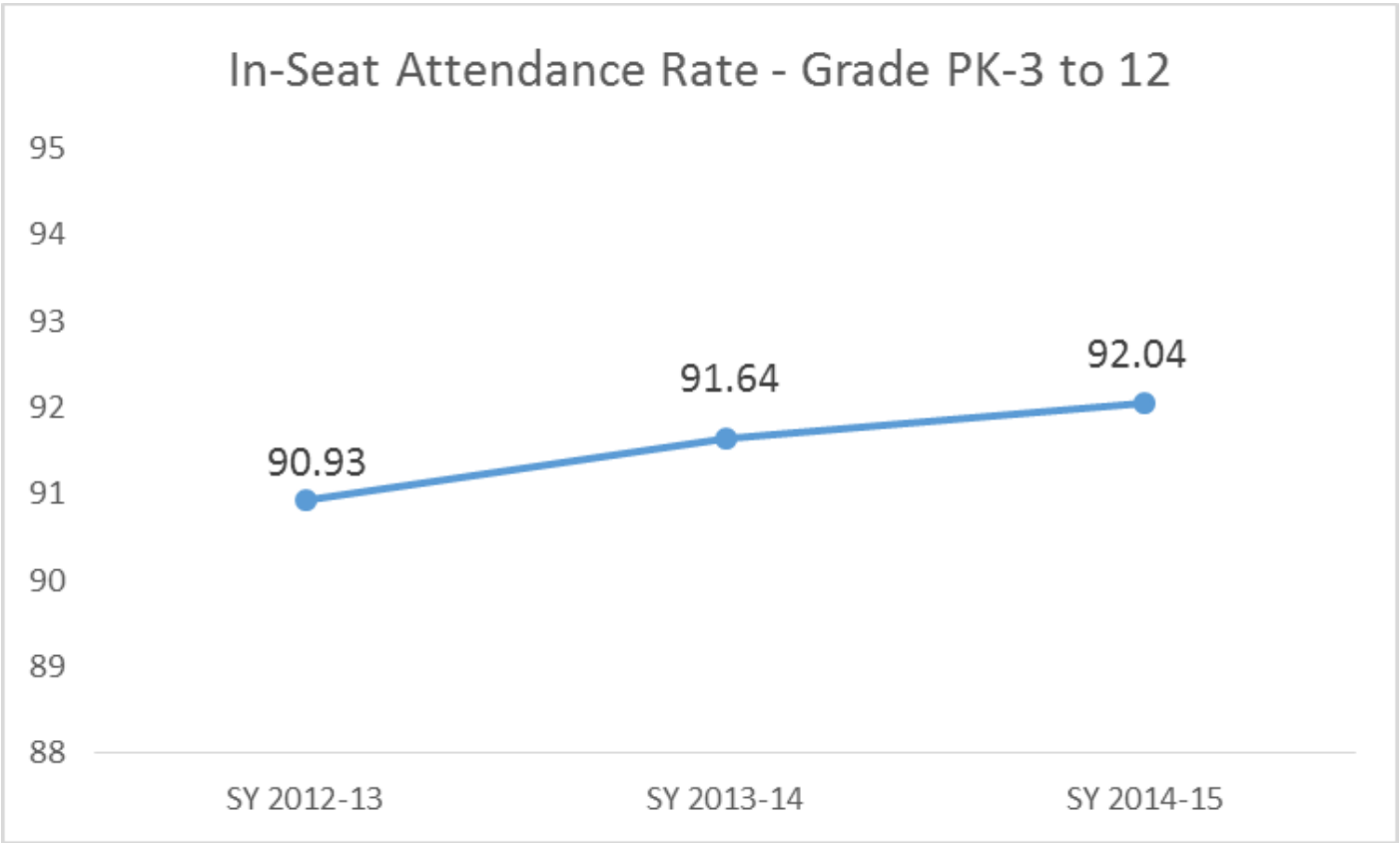
In-Seat Attendance: Days Present & Enrolled

Top Schools – Highest In-Seat Attendance SY 2014-15	Rate
Community Academy PCS – CAPCS Online	99.2%
KIPP DC – WILL Academy PCS	97.4%
Washington Latin PCS – Middle School	96.4%
Washington Yu Ying PCS	96.4%
KIPP DC – Promise Academy PCS	95.9%
Center City PCS - Brightwood	95.9%
Tree of Life PCS	95.7%
District of Columbia International School	95.6%
Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Freedom PCS	95.3%

Charter Sector
Average:
92.0% up
from 91.6% in
SY 2013-14



Attendance Rates from SY2012-13 through 2014-15



In-Seat Attendance: Most & Least Improved

Most Improved (% change SY13-14 to SY14-15)

AppleTree PCS – Southeast	+5.4%
Eagle Academy PCS – McGogney	+3.9%
National Collegiate Preparatory	+3.6%

Least Improved (% change SY13-14 to SY14-15)

Maya Angelou PCS –High School	-15.4%
César Chávez PCS for Public Policy - Parkside High School	-4.8%
Options PCS	-4.4%

Lowest In-Seat Rate SY2014-15

Maya Angelou PCS – High School	61.0%
Options PCS	70.2%
Briya PCS (<i>PK only</i>)	83.1%
National Collegiate Preparatory PCHS	85.1%
César Chávez PCS for Public Policy - Parkside High School	85.3%
AppleTree Early Learning PCS – Oklahoma Ave	85.6%
Howard University Math and Science PCS	85.8%



Truancy: Students ages 5-17 with 10+ days unexcused absences

SY 2014-15 Charter Sector Average: 14.7%
(down from 14.9% in SY 2013-2014)

- ▶ LEAs have been working to improve their excused and unexcused absence tracking systems and create more standardized excused absence policies
- ▶ PCSB aims to improve data processes and transparency to assist schools in reducing truancy



Truancy: Highest Rates

Highest Truancy Rate	Truancy Rate	In-Seat Rate
Maya Angelou – High School	78%	61%
Options PCS	66%	70%
National Collegiate Preparatory PCHS	51%	85%
Democracy Prep Congress Heights PCS	44%	87%
E.L. Haynes PCS – Kansas Avenue (High School)	38%	91%
César Chávez PCS for Public Policy - Parkside HS	37%	85%
Howard University Math and Science PCS	36%	86%
Ingenuity Prep PCS	33%	89%
Center City PCS – Congress Heights	32%	92%
César Chávez PCS for Public Policy - Capitol Hill	32%	87%

- PCSB audits schools with unusual data trends to ensure accuracy of data submission
- Some schools with tough excused absence policies in turn have high truancy rates



Our Role in Addressing Chronic Absenteeism

- The PCSB Truancy Policy seeks to reduce absenteeism by helping schools focus resources on families who need the most help while allowing schools to show *improvements* within the school year
- 4 schools received Notice of Concern in SY 2014-15
- The Policy is enforced by a dashboard which allow schools and PCSB staff to track improvement in attendance at the school and student level.

School Information		Q2 v. Q1 All/Student Attendance	Q3 v. Q2 All/Student Attendance	Q4 v. Q3 All/Student Attendance
School Name	School Code	Did the In-Seat Attendance Rate for all students at the school <i>improve</i> in Quarter 2 relative to Quarter 1?	Did the In-Seat Attendance Rate for all students at the school <i>improve</i> in Quarter 3 relative to Quarter 2?	Did the In-Seat Attendance Rate for all students at the school <i>improve</i> in Quarter 4 relative to Quarter 3?
XYZ Public Charter School	X	Did not improve	Did not improve	Improved



Our Role in Addressing Chronic Absenteeism cont.

Implementation of 2014 Revised Truancy Policy

- › In SY 2014-15, for the first time schools were notified in real time when they reached set truancy thresholds, previously this was done in quarterly reports
- › Truancy Thresholds: 20% for Elem/Middle; 25% for High School; 35% for Alternative Schools

Continued Citywide Collaboration

- › For SY 2015-16, PCSB will continue to work with OSSE and charter LEAs to streamline the process for collecting and reporting truancy and discipline data
- › This will allow both agencies to more easily share data with each other as well as the public





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