

Highlands County *School-to-Prison Pipeline*

2018-19

Schools are Under-resourced



Police Fill the Gaps

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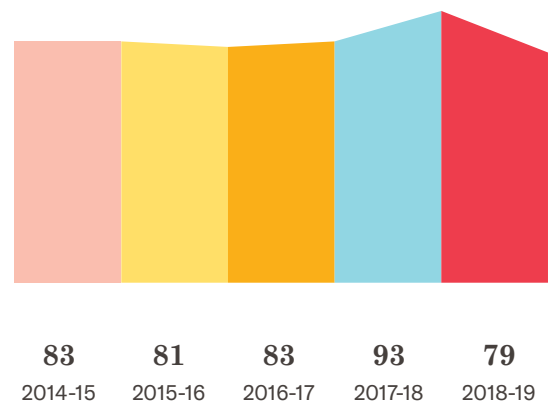
**Police Officers
in school**

When there are *not enough professionals* trained to serve students' needs and there are officers without clear responsibilities, students who need help end up facing criminal sanctions.

The number of police officers in Highlands County Schools *increased* from **0 officers** in the 2014-15 school year to **22 officers** in the 2018-19 school year.

79

Student Arrests



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Captured by the Criminal Justice System



Out of the 441 total youth arrests in Highlands County:

12
younger than 11.

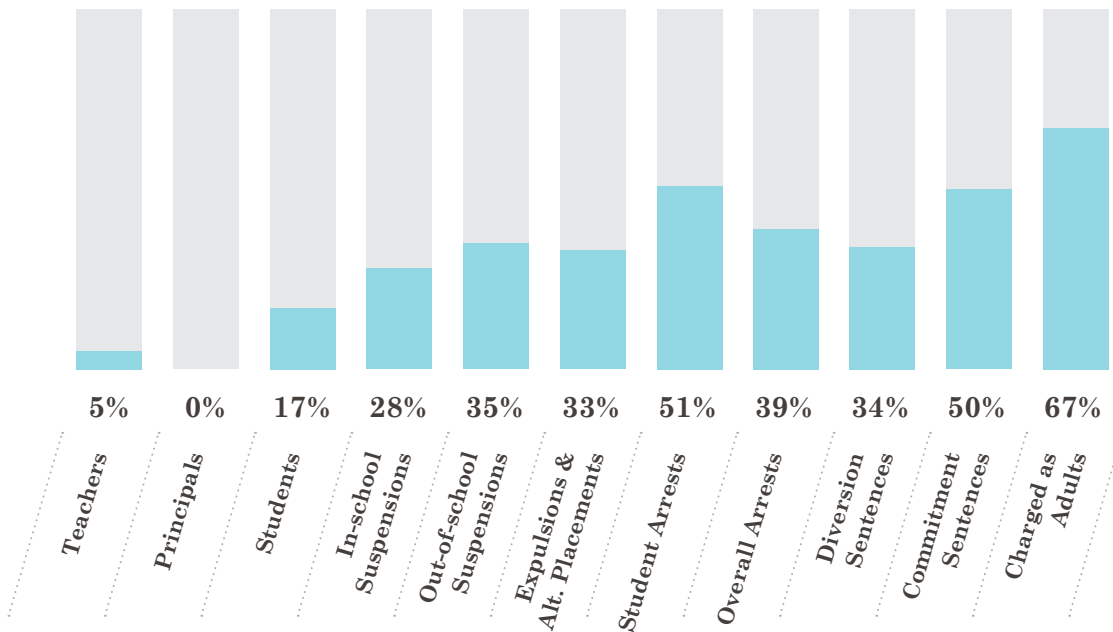
74
eligible for pre-arrest diversion.

28
committed to residential programs.

6
charged in adult court.

Racial Disparities Persist

Statewide, Black students continued to be disproportionately subjected to exclusionary discipline, arrest and harsh punishment, like being charged as adults. This is despite a nearly 20% increase in the rate of white students arrested. Meanwhile, Black representation in teaching and school leadership continues to remain low.



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