

Okeechobee County

School-to-Prison Pipeline

2018-19

Schools are Under-resourced



■ 2018-19 FTE Staff ■ Staff required to meet industry standard ratio.

Police Fill the Gaps

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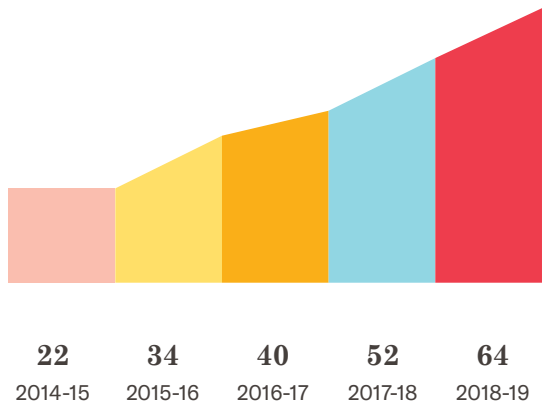
Police Officers in school

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 Okeechobee County Schools *increased from 6 officers* in the 2014-15 school year **to 13 officers** in the 2018-19 school year.

64

Student Arrests



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Captured by the Criminal Justice System



Out of the 210 total youth arrests in Okeechobee County:

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younger than 11.

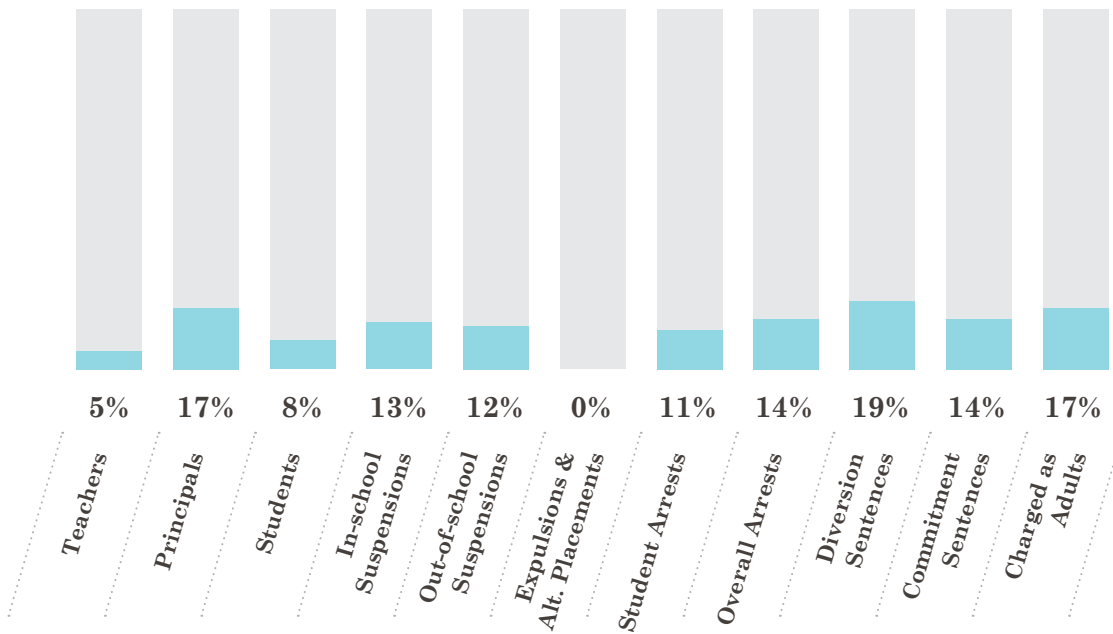
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eligible for pre-arrest diversion.

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committed to residential programs.

12
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.



Fla. Dept. of Education, PK-12 Education Information Services, [PK-12 Education Information Services](#), *Membership in Florida Public Schools, Final Survey 2, 2018-19 (Student enrollment, demographics)*; *Staff in Florida's Public Schools, District Reports 2018-19 (Social worker, counselor & psychologist staffing; teacher & principal demographics)*; *Safe Schools, Safe Schools Appropriation Expenditures Report, 2014-15 & 2018-2019 (Officer staffing)*; *Discipline Data, 2018-19 (Discipline demographics)*. [Safe Schools](#)

Fla. Dept. of Health, *2018-19 Summary of School Health Services (School nurse staffing)*. [Fla. Dept of Health](#)

Fla. Dept. of Juvenile Justice, *Delinquency in Schools 2018-19 (School arrests)*; *Delinquency Profile 2018-19 (Youth arrests, demographics)*; *Civil Citation and Other Alternatives to Arrest Dashboard 2018-19 (Civil citation eligible arrests)*. [Fla. Dept. of Juvenile Justice](#)