

# Suspensions and the Impact of SB 274 on Foster Youth

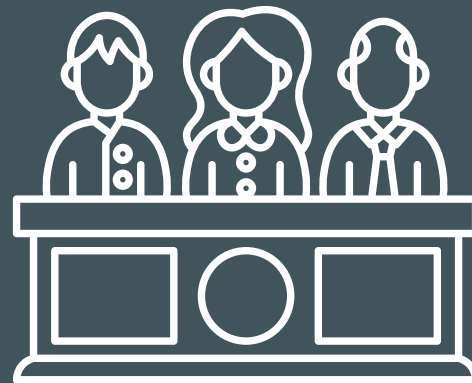
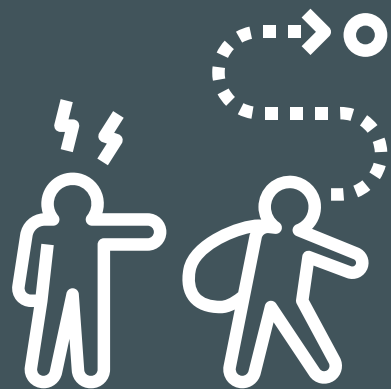
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# Suspensions:

- Out of School
- In School



# Suspension v. Expulsion



# Foster Youth Disproportionately Suspended

- Suspended the most of all groups
- 2021-22: lost 77 days of school per 100 enrolled students
  - statewide average 10 days lost

# Willful Defiance

- A “catch all” for suspensions not already mentioned in the education code
- low-level disruptions: wearing a hat backward, falling asleep in class, “talking back to a teacher,” chewing gum, forgetting homework

# Foster Youth & “Willful Defiance”

- Willful defiance suspensions represented 30% of all suspensions among foster youth during the 2022-23 school year.

# SB 274

- Sen. Nancy Skinner (2023)
- Bars all willful defiance suspensions and expulsions for grades 6 to 12 in all California schools beginning July 1, 2024
  - Sunset in July 1, 2029, unless future legislative action
- bars all suspensions and expulsions for truancy, tardy, or absences