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**NYPD Releases Student Safety Act Data for the 2016-2017 School Year;
Mayor Announces Safest School Year on Record**

On Tuesday, August 1, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced the 2016-2017 school year to be the [“Safest School Year on Record”](#). In combination with that announcement the second quarter of the 2017 Student Safety Act data was released by the NYPD, providing the first complete picture of police activity in a school year since the Student Safety Act amendments were passed in 2015.

The City upheld this announcement by emphasizing reports of a reduction in the number of recorded “major crimes”, arrests and summonses, and city schools cited on New York State’s “persistently dangerous” list. While we are encouraged by these reductions, the Children’s Defense Fund-New York understands that measures of school safety must include all the ways students are or aren’t made to feel welcome and secure in schools, especially as the Student Safety Act data illustrates the continued reliance on police responses to normal student behaviors—like through the catchall term “disorderly conduct”—as well as stark and continuing racial disparities in the use of interventions like arrests, summonses, and restraints. With our Dignity in Schools Campaign-New York (DSC-NY) partners we urge the city to fund the expansion of restorative practices and ensure an equitable investment in mental health supports across all New York City schools, end the use of summonses and allow for arrest diversion and graduated responses to harm that happens in schools, and discontinue the handcuffing of students in emotional crisis.

According to the NYPD’s precinct level Student Safety Act reporting, from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 there were 9,386 total incidents in schools involving people 21 years old and younger.¹ To follow are highlights from the 2016-2017 school year:

**ARRESTS:
There were 1,106 school-based arrests in the 2016-2017 school year.**

<u>Reported Race and Gender of Impacted Students²</u>		<u>DOE Population</u>
60.0% Black students	43.0% Black male students 17.0% Black female students	26.5% Black students
32.4% Hispanic students	24.5% Hispanic male students 7.9% Hispanic female students	40.4% Hispanic students
4.1% white students	3.3% white male students 0.7% white female students	14.9% white students
	<u>Age at Arrest³</u>	
Age 12	38 Arrests	3.4%
Age 13	56 Arrests	5.1%
Age 14	109 Arrests	9.9%
Age 15	142 Arrests	12.8%
Age 16	296 Arrests	26.8%
Age 17	277 Arrests	25.0%
Age 18	121 Arrests	10.9%

	<u>Arrest Charge⁴</u>	
Assault	441	39.9%
Robbery	161	14.6%
Grand Larceny	57	5.2%

	<u>Enforcement⁵</u>	
NYPD Patrol Officer	696	62.9%
Detective Bureau	204	18.4%
School Safety Agent	152	13.7%
Uniformed Task Force	43	3.9%

<u>Enforcement and Use of Restraints</u>			
NYPD Patrol Officer	Handcuffing	618	88.8%
	No Handcuffing	78	11.2%
Detective Bureau	Handcuffing	169	100%
	No Handcuffing	0	0.0%
School Safety Agent	Handcuffing	138	90.8%
	No Handcuffing	14	9.2%
Uniformed Task Force ⁶	Handcuffing	41	95.3%
	No Handcuffing	2	4.7%

<u>Incident Location</u>			
On-Site		767	69.3%
Off-Site		339	30.7%
On-Site with Handcuffing		688	62.1%
On-Site without Handcuffing		79	7.1%
Off-Site with Handcuffing		282	25.5%
Off-Site without Handcuffing		57	5.1%

SUMMONSES:
There were 805 summonses issued in schools in the 2016-2017 school year.

<u>Reported Race and Gender of Impacted Students</u>	<u>DOE Population</u>
51.7% Black students	33.2% Black male students 18.5% Black female students 26.5%
36.9% Hispanic students	25.1% Hispanic male students 11.8% Hispanic female students 40.4%
5.7% white students	4.2% white male students 1.5% white female students 14.9%

<u>Summons Charge</u>		
Possession of Marijuana	252	31.3%
Disorderly Conduct	228	28.3%
Possession of Knife	128	19.3%
Possession of a Box Cutter	101	12.5%

<u>Enforcement</u>		
NYPD Patrol	587	72.9%
Uniformed Task Force	205	25.5%
School Safety Agent	11	1.4%

<u>Incident Location</u>		
On-Site	787	97.8%
Off-Site	18	2.2%

<u>Use of Restraints</u>		
Handcuffing	122	15.2%
No Handcuffing	683	84.8%

**“CHILD IN CRISIS”⁷ INCIDENTS:
There were 2,702 “Child in Crisis” incidents reported in the 2016-2017 school year.**

<u>Reported Race and Gender of Impacted Students</u>	<u>DOE Population</u>	
49.6% Black students	29.5% Black male students 20.1% Black female students	26.5% Black students
39.6% Hispanic students	21.5% Hispanic male students 18.1% Hispanic female students	40.4% Hispanic students
5.1% white students	2.8% white male students 2.4% white female students	14.9% white students

<u>Reported Age of “Child in Crisis”</u>		
Ages 4 to 6	156	5.8 %
Ages 7 and 8	356	13.2%
Ages 9 and 10	365	13.5%
Ages 11 and 12	418	15.5%
Ages 13 and 14	508	18.8%
Ages 15 and 16	517	19.1%
Ages 17 and 18	303	11.2%

<u>Use of Restraints</u>		
Handcuffing	2,372	87.8%
No Handcuffing	330	12.2%

	<u>Enforcement</u>	
"N/A"	2,370	87.7%
NYPD Patrol Officer	166	6.1%
School Safety Agent	162	6.0%

RESTRAINTS:⁸

There were 1,689 reported uses of restraints in schools in the 2016-2017 school year.

<u>Reported Race and Gender of Impacted Students</u>		<u>DOE Population</u>
60.8% Black students	41.2% Black male students 19.6% Black female students	26.5% Black students
32.4% Hispanic students	22.4% Hispanic male students 10.0% Hispanic female students	40.4% Hispanic students
4.0% white students	3.0% white male students 0.9% white female students	14.9% white students

Reported Age of Students Restrained⁹

Age 12	70	4.1%
Age 13	112	6.6%
Age 14	192	11.4%
Age 15	288	17.1%
Age 16	387	22.9%
Age 17	356	21.1%
Age 18	150	8.9%

Notes:

¹ The NYPD reports Student Safety Act data in two separate reports, one at the precinct level and another at the school level. Student Safety Act data is publicly available here: <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/nypd/stats/reports-analysis/school-safety.page>.

² The NYPD also reported the arrest of 21 (or 1.9%) "Asian/Pacific Isl." students, 6 (or 0.05%) "American Indian" students, 6 (or 0.05%) "Arabic" students, and 6 (or 0.05%) "East Indian" students.

³ Additionally, there was one arrest of an 8 year old, three arrests of 9 year olds, two arrests of 10 year olds, and four arrests of 11 year olds.

⁴ Arrest charge and enforcement information is provided in the NYPD's school level report.

⁵ Other arrests were made by the Organized Crime Control Bureau (3 arrests), the Housing Bureau (1 arrest), and the Transit Bureau (7 arrests).

⁶ The Uniformed task force refers to police officers assigned to the School Safety Division.

⁷ "Child in Crisis" is an NYPD term used to describe a student "displaying signs of emotional distress" who is removed from school with or without restraints, and taken to a hospital for a psychological evaluation.

⁸ Restraints refers to whether the young person was handcuffed, including metal or Velcro handcuffs.

⁹ Additionally, one student aged 5, one student aged 6, four students aged 7, six students aged 8, seven students aged 9, eleven students aged 10, and twenty-one students aged 11 were restrained.