

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

In Maricopa County, too many students are missing the opportunity for a quality education.

#Demand2Learn is working to eliminate practices that push children out of classrooms.

When it comes to accessing a quality education, **not all students are treated equally.**

Lacking resources and training, some schools have adopted harsh disciplinary policies such as "zero tolerance" and other exclusionary practices that push students out of school: asking them to voluntarily withdraw, suspending them, expelling them, or referring them to law enforcement for minor offenses. Not only have these extreme policies proven to be harmful to children, they also disproportionately affect children of color, English Language Learners, and students with disabilities.

**8 TIMES
MORE LIKELY**

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS in charter high schools are **8 TIMES MORE LIKELY** than their white peers to receive out-of-school suspensions.

**6 TIMES
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LATINO STUDENTS in charter high schools are **6 TIMES MORE LIKELY** than their white peers to receive out-of-school suspensions.

**18 TIMES
MORE LIKELY**

In some district schools close to tribal communities, **NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENTS** are up to **18 TIMES MORE LIKELY** than their white peers to be suspended.

**TWICE AS
LIKELY**

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES in elementary and middle schools are **TWICE AS LIKELY** as students without disabilities to receive in-school suspensions.



HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

WHAT'S THE ACLU DOING TO FIX IT?

The **#Demand2Learn** campaign is focused on eliminating practices that disproportionately push children out of school. We're partnering with school leaders to develop model schools that are committed to increasing student retention by 2020.

Meanwhile, we're working with families, providing them with training and organizing opportunities to advocate for reforms that will help children stay in school. We're also demanding changes at the state level, including better reporting and transparency about school disciplinary practices.

We want anyone who cares about public education in Arizona to help with our work.

For more information, please contact us at demand2learn@acluaz.org or visit www.demand2learnaz.org.