

SUPPORTING PENNSYLVANIA STUDENTS: THE CHOICE

Our schools are understaffed with key student support resources

- **23%** of Pennsylvania public school students attend schools with police but lack either a nurse, psychologist, social worker, or counselor
- **90%** of Pennsylvania public school students attend schools without enough counselors

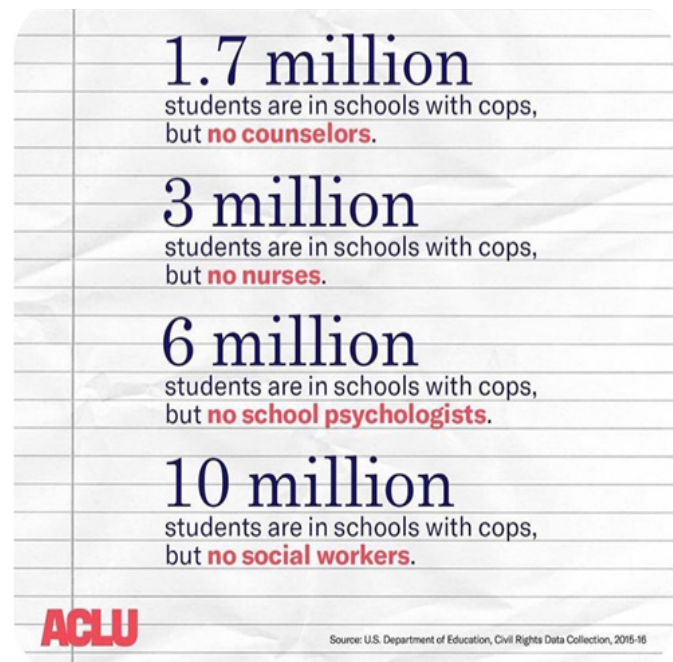
Recommendations for School Support Staff (2016 - 2017)

vs.

Pennsylvania Reality	Recommended Ratio	PA Reality
Counselors	250 : 1	387 : 1
Psychologists	500 - 700 : 1	1,164 : 1
Nurses	750 : 1	809 : 1
Social Workers	250 : 1	2,285 : 1

Data Source: Governor Wolf's 2018 School Safety Task Force Report.

In the United States:



Student Arrest Rates

- Pennsylvania **had the third highest student arrest rate** in the nation and saw a 24% increase in student arrests between 2013-2014 and 2015-2016

Compared to the rest of the country, Pennsylvania ranks:

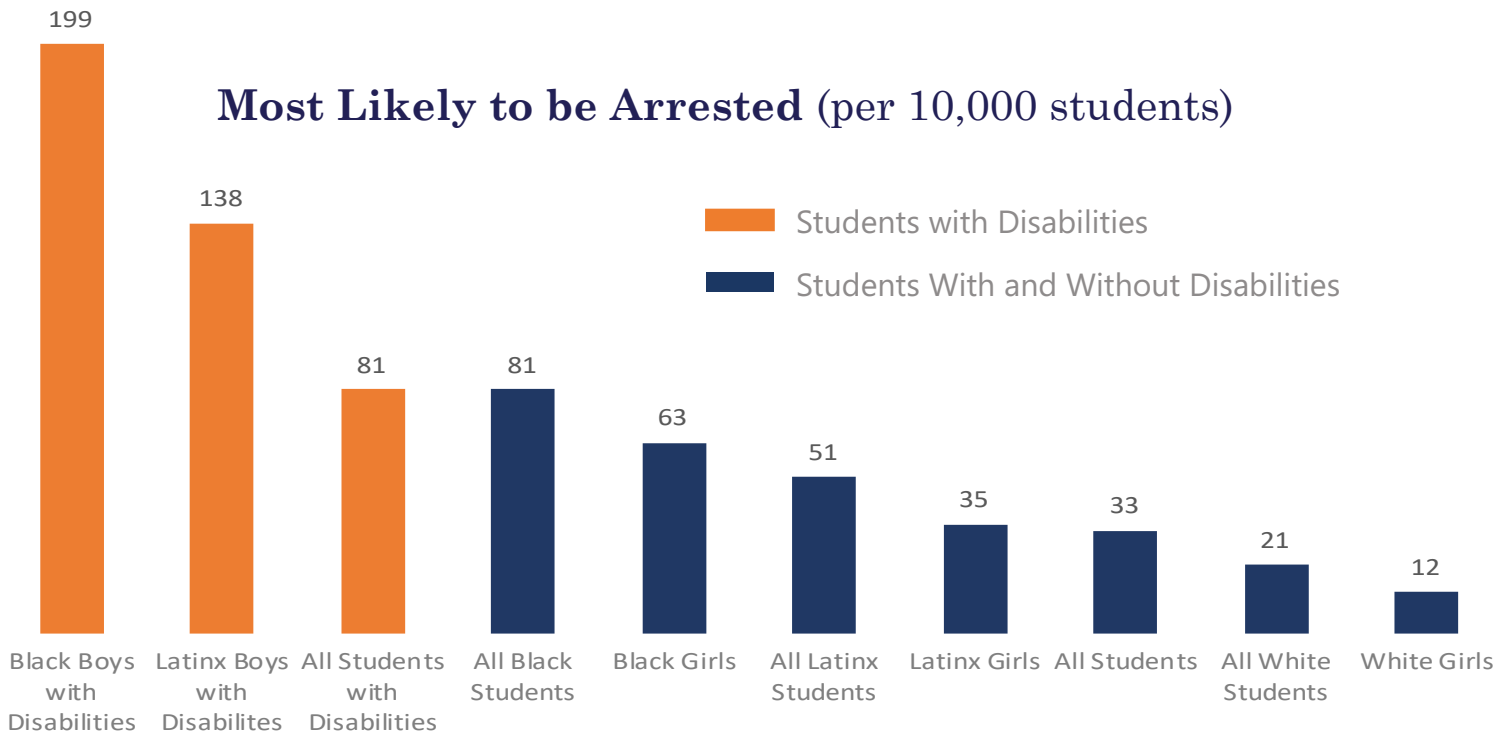
3rd for Latinx girls student arrests

2nd for Latinx student arrests

2nd for Black student arrests

3rd for disabled student arrests

Who is most affected in Pennsylvania?



SPOTLIGHT: Black Girls and Arrests

Nationally,
Black girls are 4x more likely to be arrested in schools than White girls

In Pennsylvania,
Black girls are 5x more likely to be arrested in schools than White girls



All data provided by U.S Department of Education, 2015-2016 Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC)

See ACLU Report:

Cops and No Counselors: How the Lack of School Mental Health Staff is Harming Students

www.aclu.org/copsandnocounselors

For more information, go to endzerotolerance.org

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