School Suspensions

Assembly District 150

Assemblymember Andrew Molitor

School Districts: Bemus Point CSD, Brocton CSD, Cassadaga Valley CSD, Chautauqua Lake CSD, Clymer CSD, Dunkirk CSD, Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES, Evans-Brant CSD (Lake Shore), Falconer CSD, Forestville CSD, Fredonia CSD, Frewsburg CSD, Gowanda CSD, Jamestown CSD, Panama CSD, Pine Valley CSD (South Dayton), Ripley CSD, Sherman CSD, Silver Creek CSD, Southwestern CSD At Jamestown, Westfield CSD

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In New York, students are suspended from schools in response to a wide range of behaviors, including minor infractions like being late to class and dress code violations. This form of punishment begins as early as Pre-Kindergarten. The overreliance on exclusionary discipline continues despite research that indicates suspensions are ineffective and harmful and that they deepen academic inequities, especially for students of color, those from low-income backgrounds, and students with disabilities.

Some of the short- and long-term impacts of suspension on a child include:

- Lower math and reading scores
- Decreased school trust and identification with school
- Increased risk of drop out and criminal justice system involvement

During the 2024-2025 school year…

New York State

132,281 students suspended

including 8,329 *in Pre-K to Grade 3 and* 7,350 *for 20 or more days cumulatively*

840,067 total lost days of education

A150 Your District

1,752 students suspended

including 138 *in Pre-K to Grade 3 and* 163 *for 20 or more days cumulatively*

14,092 total lost days of education

		as often as
Black students suspended	**2.8x**	White students
Students with disabilities suspended	**1.6x**	General education students
Economically disadvantaged students suspended	**2.5x**	Students who are not economically disadvantaged

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Solutions Not Suspensions

S.134/A.118

Students deserve policies that allow them to thrive in a supportive educational environment focused on accountability, healing relationships, and repairing harm.

The Solutions Not Suspensions bill would:

1. **Require school codes of conduct to include restorative approaches** to discipline and proactively foster a positive school climate
2. **Limit the use of suspensions in Pre-Kindergarten through 3rd grade** to only the most serious behaviors
3. **Shorten the maximum length of suspension from 180 to 20 school days** (except when required by federal law)
4. **Prohibit suspensions for minor infractions** such as tardiness, dress code violations, or insubordination
5. **Require that students who are suspended receive academic instruction** and the opportunity to complete assignments, take exams, and earn credit
6. **Require charter schools to follow state education law** on student behavior and discipline

What New York Voters Are Saying

A December 2025 statewide voter poll conducted on behalf of The Children's Agenda found that **73% of voters support Solutions Not Suspensions** legislation, with even higher rates of support for key elements of the bill: **limiting suspensions for small infractions (82%)**; eliminating suspensions in **Pre-K to 3rd grade (80%)**; and limiting suspensions to **no more than 20 days (74%)**.

24 *states have already enacted similar legislation limiting the length of suspensions*

Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Washington, D.C., Wisconsin

17 *states have already enacted similar legislation limiting suspensions by grade level*

Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey, Ohio, Oregon, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, D.C.

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