

DPI Released Public School Crimes and Violence Report For 2013-14

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RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - The 2013-14 Consolidated Data Report from the Department of Public Instruction shows acts of school crime and violence was the lowest reported since 2008-2009. That data point is among many in the report that was submitted to the state Board of Education.

“The total number of reportable acts of school crime and violence, short- and long-term suspensions and the use of corporal punishment decreased for the third year in a row although the number of expulsions remained the same according to the 2013-14 Consolidated Data Report today presented to State Board of Education members. The total number of acts of school crime and violence was the lowest reported since 2008-09 while the number of students in North Carolina public schools was at an all-time high of 1,509,985,” according to a department news release.

Key findings, according to DPI:

- The total number of reported acts of school crime and violence decreased by 4.7 percent to 10,132 from 10,630 acts in 2012-13. The rate of acts per 1,000 students also decreased by 5.7 percent to 6.79 acts per 1,000 students as compared to 7.20 acts per 1,000 students in 2012-13.

- Schools are required to report 16 offenses that occur on campus or school property. Of those reported, dangerous or violent offenses account for 3.4 percent or 343. The most frequently reported acts involved illegal possession of controlled substances, weapons (excluding firearms or powerful explosives) or alcoholic beverages, and assault on school personnel. These four acts accounted for 95 percent or 9,630 of the total number of reported acts.

- Seventy-eight percent or 1,982 schools reported five or less acts of crime and violence.

- Five districts – Graham, Hyde, Jones, Tyrrell and Washington – reported zero acts at the 9-13 grade levels.