

# Maryland State Department of Education

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*Maryland Public Schools Arrest Data*  
*School Year 2015-2016*

# Background

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- Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 13A.08.01.12 – Arrests on School Premises
  - Requires annual reporting of school arrests to MSDE.
  - First data collection covered school year 2015-2016.

# Definitions

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- School Arrest:
  - An arrest that occurred as a result of a referral of a student by school personnel to law enforcement or DJS.
  - Offense occurred on school grounds or during off-campus activities, including transportation.
  - Can be “physical” or “paper”.

# Definitions (continued)

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- Physical arrest: a student is physically placed under arrest by a law enforcement official.
- Paper arrest: an officer-initiated referral or request for charges by school officials to DJS (e.g. Juvenile Offense Report or Citation for Court Appearance).

# Reportable Offenses

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- Offenses for which students are arrested in the community.
- Law enforcement must notify the local superintendent and school principal.
- Reportable offenses are not reported to MSDE and are not included in the report.

# Maryland Arrest Report

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## □ Components

- State Report – Arrests by LEA, school level, gender, race, grade, special education, English Learner, suspension in conjunction with arrest, type (in-school or out of school), length, offense, location, arresting officer (local police or school resource officer), days suspended.

# Maryland Arrest Report

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- Components (continued)
  - Local Report – contains same elements as previous bullet but at the local level.
  - State Race and Gender Report – lists arrests by race, gender, and school level for arresting offenses.
  - Local Race and Gender Report - contains same elements as previous bullet but at the local level.

# Maryland Arrest Report

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- Note: In instances where the number of students in a given cell was less than 10, the data were removed and replaced with an asterisk to protect student identity.
- The final report is posted on the MSDE website at: <http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/about/Pages/DSFSS/SSSP/StudentArrest/index.aspx>



# Questions

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