Maryland State Department of Education

Maryland Public Schools Arrest Data

School Year 2015-2016
Background

- 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

- **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)

- 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

- 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.
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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.
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.
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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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