



# OUR KIDS. OUR SCHOOLS. OUR COMMUNITY.

## BY THE NUMBERS: SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS IN NORFOLK

14%

Over 14% of students in Norfolk Public Schools have been sent home for short-term suspensions.

4X

African-American students at Norfolk Public Schools are nearly four times more likely to be suspended than white students.

2X

Students with disabilities at Norfolk Public Schools are nearly twice as likely to be suspended as students without disabilities.

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Four elementary schools in the Norfolk Public School system have suspended over 20% of their students.

### SUSPENSIONS CAN HAVE LASTING IMPACTS

Research has shown students who are suspended or expelled are less likely to complete high school, more than twice as likely to be arrested during the suspension or expulsion, and more likely to be in contact with the criminal justice system within a year of the forced leave.

**That's why education experts call the high rate of school suspensions the school-to-prison pipeline.**

### JOIN US!

The Norfolk Chapter of Virginia Organizing is launching a campaign to lower school suspension rates in Norfolk Public Schools (NPS). For more information, call or email Meghan at 847-922-1213 or [meghan@virginia-organizing.org](mailto:meghan@virginia-organizing.org).

**Let's work together to  
keep kids in school and  
out of prison.**

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