

Explanation of School Profile Sections

Section 1: Number of Out-of-School Suspension Incidents

This chart reports the number of suspension incidents for particular categories. This information is reported annually to MSDE and is available in more detail on its website. The number in the column represents the number of students suspended for the category. This represents a duplicated count of students, meaning a student could be counted in more than one category and/or a student could be counted more than once in the same category. A list of the categories and an explanation of the incidents in each category is included in the glossary of terms.

Section 2: Out-of-School Suspension Rate

This chart reports the number and percentage of students suspended during the three most recent school years. This information is reported annually to the Montgomery County Board of Education. These data represent an unduplicated count of students, meaning a student is counted only once, regardless of the number of times that student may be suspended. A description of the column labels and of each column's content is included in the glossary of terms.

Section 3: Reported Serious Incidents

This chart states incidents reported to the Office of School Support and Improvement as well as the number of incidents for which police were notified. Events may be reported as a serious incident if they result in or lead to any incident resulting in death or serious injury of any person on an MCPS site or while conducting MCPS business; potential or actual disruption of the planned school day; or any of the other criteria outlined in MCPS Regulation COB-RA, *Reporting a Serious Incident* (see page 449). Notification is dictated by several documents, including MCPS Regulation COB-RA, *Reporting a Serious Incident*; MCPS Regulation JFA-RA, *Student Rights and Responsibilities*; and the *Memorandum of Understanding Between MCPS and Montgomery County Department of Police and Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office*. A list of the categories and an explanation of the incidents found in each category is included in the glossary of terms.

Section 4: Bullying Incidents

This chart reports the number of bullying incidents reported and confirmed. The "Number Reported" is the number of written reports of bullying incidents (MCPS Form 230-35, *Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation Reporting Form*) submitted to a school. The "Number Confirmed" is the number of reported bullying events deemed accurate upon investigation by a school administrator.

Section 5: Drills Conducted

This chart reflects the actions taken by schools to prepare students for emergency situations and those situations at a school that require declaration of some alert status. Definitions for each category are included in the glossary of terms.

Section 6: Safety Incidents Requiring Alert Status

This chart reflects the actions taken by schools when actual incidents occur at a school or in a school's community requiring staff members and students to remain within their classrooms, within a secured area, and possibly accounted for and under supervision. Definitions for each category are included in the glossary of terms.

Section 7: Programs

This section lists those programs offered in the school to develop the behaviors and skills that promote safe and secure school environments.

Section 8: School Climate

This chart reports the percentage of parents who responded positively to items related to perceptions of safety and security on the *Surveys of School Environment*. Survey results are reported to each school. The parent *Surveys of School Environment* are available in more detail on the MCPS website at <http://sharedaccountability.mcpsmd.org/SurveyResults/content.php>. The survey was not administered for students in 2015–2016 school year.