

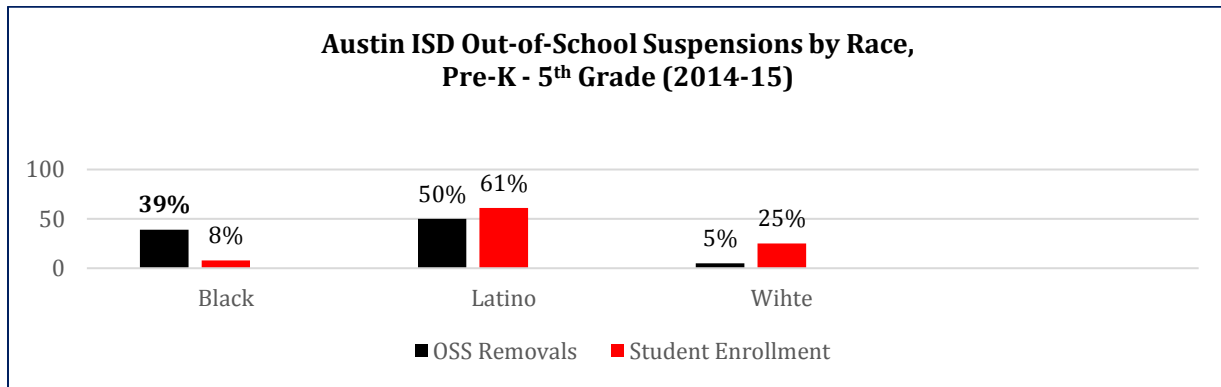


## FACT SHEET

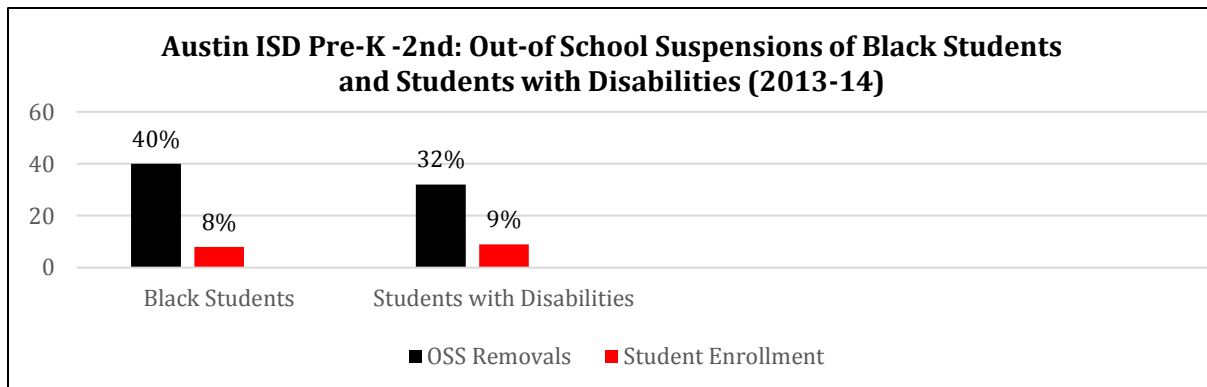
### School Discipline Trends Among Austin ISD Elementary Students

In 2014-15, approximately **857 disciplinary actions** were issued to elementary school students (PK-5) in Austin ISD, including in-school suspensions, out-of-school suspensions, and referrals to alternative schools.

Out-of-school suspensions show the most persistent disparities across groups. During the 2014-15 school year, for example, 693 out-of-school suspensions were issued to elementary students in Austin ISD, of which approximately 39% were issued to Black students—though they comprise only 8% of elementary student enrollment.<sup>1</sup> Latino students received 50% of out-of-school suspensions and White students received 5%, though they represent about 61% and 25% of elementary student enrollment, respectively.



Among very young students, both Black children and children with disabilities are overrepresented in out-of-school suspensions. In 2013-14, Black PK- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students received about 40% of out-of-school suspensions. Similarly, PK- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students with disabilities receive 32% of out-of-school suspensions though they comprise only about 9% of the student body in Austin ISD.



<sup>1</sup> The Texas Education Agency only provides data disaggregated by race, gender, and special education status for elementary schools generally. As a result, there are some sixth graders included in the dataset for the few elementary schools that include Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. In this Fact Sheet, we use the elementary referral totals for the disaggregated data, so they may differ slightly from the totals reported by grade level.

Here is a look at disciplinary actions for elementary school students in Austin ISD during the 2014-15 school year:

<b>Discipline Type</b>	<b>Elementary Actions</b>	<b>Elementary Students</b>
<b><i>Out-of-school suspensions</i></b>	<b>693</b>	<b>46,404</b>
Black or African American	39%	8%
Hispanic/Latino	50%	61%
White	5%	25%
Other races	5%	7%
Students with disabilities	37%	10%
Boys	87%	51.3%
Girls	13%	48.7%
<b><i>In-school suspensions</i></b>	<b>193</b>	<b>46,404</b>
Black or African American	25%	8%
Hispanic/Latino	64%	61%
White	6%	25%
Other races	2%	7%
Students with disabilities	16%	10%
Boys	84%	51.3%
Girls	16%	48.7%
<b><i>Referrals to alternative schools</i></b>	<b>79</b>	<b>46,404</b>
Black or African American	27%	8%
Hispanic/Latino	54%	61%
White	11%	25%
Other races	6%	7%
Students with disabilities	36%	10%
Boys	91%	51.3%
Girls	9%	48.7%