

Table 236. Public Schools Reporting Selected Types of Disciplinary Problems Occurring at School, by Selected School Characteristics: 2003–04

[For school year. "At school" includes activities that happen in school buildings, on school grounds, on school buses, and at places that hold school-sponsored events or activities. Based on sample; see source for details]

School characteristic	Happens daily or at least once a day						Happens at all	
	Student racial tensions	Student bullying	Student sexual harassment of other students ¹	Student verbal abuse of teachers	Wide-spread disorder in classrooms	Student acts of disrespect for teachers	Undesirable gang activities ²	Undesirable cult or extremist group activities ³
All public schools	2	27	4	11	3	19	17	3
Level: ⁴								
Primary	1	24	2	7	2	14	8	1
Middle	5	42	9	18	6	32	31	6
High school	3	21	6	17	4	26	41	13
Combined	2	23	4	14	3	25	11	2
Enrollment size:								
Less than 300	1	23	2	7	3	14	7	2
300 to 499	1	27	3	8	2	17	10	1
500 to 999	3	28	4	12	3	21	18	3
1,000 or more	6	30	8	23	7	34	49	13
Percent minority enrollment: ⁵								
Less than 5 percent	1	25	3	6	1	14	3	2
5 to 20 percent	2	27	3	6	1	14	10	3
20 to 50 percent	3	28	4	12	3	19	20	6
50 percent or more	2	27	5	17	6	29	30	3

¹ Sexual harassment includes "unsolicited, offensive behavior that inappropriately asserts sexuality over another person. This behavior may be verbal or nonverbal." ² Gang includes an "ongoing loosely organized association of three or more persons, whether formal or informal, that has a common name, signs, symbols, or colors, whose members engage, either individually or collectively in violent or other forms of illegal behavior." ³ Cult or extremist group includes "a group that espouses radical beliefs and practices, which may include a religious component, that are widely seen as threatening the basic values and cultural norms of society at large." ⁴ Primary schools are defined as schools in which the lowest grade is not higher than grade 3 and the highest grade is not higher than grade 8. Middle schools are defined as schools in which the lowest grade level is not lower than grade 4 and the highest grade is not higher than grade 9. High schools are defined as schools in which the lowest grade is not lower than grade 9 and the highest grade is not higher than grade 12. Combined schools include all other combinations of grades, including K–12 schools. ⁵ These estimates exclude data from Tennessee because schools in this state did not report estimates of student race.

Source: U.S. National Center for Education Statistics, *Crime, Violence, Discipline, and Safety in U.S. Public Schools 2003–04*, NCES 2007-302rev, December 2006.