

DATA SHOW LITTLE ROCK CHARTERS SAFER THAN TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

(July 2010) Little Rock charter schools reported no discipline incidents but 26 of 34 local traditional public schools reported weapons incidents, staff assaults or student assaults, according to a Policy Foundation review of 2009 Arkansas School Performance Report cards.

Ten open enrollment charter schools are in Little Rock. (1) They are the Arkansas Virtual Academy and Junior High, Covenant Keepers College Preparatory Charter School, Dreamland Academy of Performing and Communication Arts, ESTEM Elementary Charter School, ESTEM Middle Charter School, ESTEM High Charter School, LISA Academy, LISA Academy High School, and Little Rock Preparatory Academy. The report cards show public charter schools reported no discipline incidents.

Little Rock District Schools with No Reported Discipline Incidents

Eight Little Rock School District elementary schools reported no discipline incidents in 2009, the reports show. They are the Bale, Fulbright, Gibbs, M.L. King, McDermott, Western Hills, Wilson and Woodruff schools.

Little Rock District Schools with Reported Discipline Incidents

Performance report cards include Indicator 4 (Discipline), which shows “the percentage of students who have been expelled from school during the school year,” “the percentage of school-related weapon or assault incidents involving students that occurred at the school” and those directed at staff. (2)

Little Rock District schools at all levels reported discipline incidents. The highest percentage of weapons incidents (0.6%) were at Pulaski Heights Elementary and Cloverdale Middle School. The highest percentage of staff assaults (0.7%) were at Dunbar Magnet Middle School and McClellan Magnet High School. The highest percentage of student assaults were at Pulaski Heights Elementary (1.6%), Dunbar (1.2%), and Baseline Elementary (1.1%).

Following is an incident compilation for elementary schools in the Little Rock School District:

(Baseline Elementary) Student Assaults 1.1%; **(Carver Magnet Elementary)** Weapons Incidents 0.2%, Staff Assaults 0.4%; **(Chicot Primary Elementary)** Weapons Incidents 0.2%, Staff Assaults 0.6%; **(O’Dodd Elementary)** Student Assaults 0.4%; **(Forest Park Elementary)** Staff Assaults 0.3%, Student Assaults 0.8%; **(Jefferson Elementary)** Student Assaults 0.3%; **(Otter Creek Elementary)** Student Assaults 0.6%;

(Pulaski Heights Elementary) Weapons Incidents 0.6%, Staff Assaults 0.6%, Student Assaults 1.6%; **(Rockefeller Incentive Elementary)** Student Assaults 0.3%; **(Stephens Elementary)** Staff Assaults 0.3%; **(Terry Elementary)** Weapons Incidents 0.2%, Staff Assaults 0.2%, Student Assaults 0.5%; **(Wakefield Elementary)** Staff Assaults 0.4%, Student Assaults 0.2%; **(Washington Magnet Elementary)** Weapons Incidents 0.5%, Student Assaults 0.4%; and **(Williams Magnet Elementary)** Weapons Incidents 0.2%, Staff Assaults 0.2%.

Following is a discipline incident compilation for middle schools:

(Cloverdale Magnet Middle School) Weapons Incidents 0.6%, Staff Assaults 0.4%, **(Dunbar Magnet Middle School)** Weapons Incidents 0.1%, Staff Assaults 0.7%, Student Assaults 1.2%; **(Forest Heights Middle School)** Weapons Incidents 0.3%, Staff Assaults 0.6%, Student Assaults 0.2%; **(Henderson Middle School)** Weapons Incidents 0.1%, Staff Assaults 0.1%; **(Mabelvale Middle School)** Weapons Incidents 0.3%, Staff Assaults 0.1%, Student Assaults 0.6%; **(Mann Magnet Middle School)** Weapons Incidents 0.2%, Student Assaults 0.1%; and **(Pulaski Heights Middle School)** Student Assaults 0.1%.

Following is a discipline incident compilation for high schools:

(Central High School) Weapons Incidents 0.1%, Staff Assaults 0.1%; **(J.A. Fair High School)** Weapons Incidents 0.1%, Staff Assaults 0.4%, Student Assaults 0.5%; **(Hall High School)** Weapons Incidents 0.4%, Staff Assaults 0.5%, Student Assaults 1.0%; **(McClellan Magnet High School)** Weapons Incidents 0.3%, Staff Assaults 0.7%, Student Assaults 0.5%; and **(Parkview Arts/Science Magnet High School)** Weapons Incidents 0.2%, Staff Assaults 0.1%.

(1) (<http://arkansased.org/about/schools/charters/open.html>)

(2) *Understanding The 2009 Arkansas School Performance Report*, Arkansas Department of Education

http://normessasweb.uark.edu/schoolperformance/Help/Understanding_the_School_Performance_Report.pdf

The charters and the Little Rock School District reported no student expulsions.

<http://normessasweb.uark.edu/schoolperformance/District/DRCy3.php>