





ARE OUR CHILDREN BEING PUSHED INTO PRISON?

THE PIPELINE TO PRISON: THE U.S. HAS THE HIGHEST INCARCERATION RATE IN THE WORLD, AND ITS PRISONS AND JAILS ARE OVERWHELMINGLY FILLED WITH AFRICAN AMERICANS AND LATINOS. THE PATHS TO PRISON FOR YOUNG AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND LATINO MEN ARE MANY, BUT THE STARTING POINTS ARE OFTEN THE SCHOOL AND FOSTER CARE SYSTEMS.

FROM SCHOOL TO PRISON

STUDENTS OF COLOR FACE HARSHER DISCIPLINE AND ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE PUSHED OUT OF SCHOOL THAN WHITES.

- 40%**  OF STUDENTS **EXPELLED** FROM U.S. SCHOOLS EACH YEAR ARE BLACK.
- 70%**  OF STUDENTS INVOLVED IN "IN-SCHOOL" **ARRESTS** OR REFERRED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT ARE BLACK OR LATINO.
- 3.5 X**  BLACK STUDENTS ARE THREE AND A HALF TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE **SUSPENDED** THAN WHITES.
- 2 X**  BLACK AND LATINO STUDENTS ARE TWICE AS LIKELY TO **NOT GRADUATE** HIGH SCHOOL AS WHITES.

68% OF ALL MALES IN STATE AND FEDERAL **PRISON** DO NOT HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL **DIPLOMA.**

FROM FOSTER CARE TO PRISON

YOUTH OF COLOR ARE MORE LIKELY THAN WHITES TO BE PLACED IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM, A BREEDING GROUND FOR THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

- 50%**  OF CHILDREN IN THE **FOSTER CARE SYSTEM** ARE BLACK OR LATINO.
- 30%**  OF FOSTER CARE YOUTH ENTERING THE **JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM** ARE PLACEMENT-RELATED BEHAVIORAL CASES (e.g., RUNNING AWAY FROM A GROUP HOME).
- 25%**  OF YOUNG PEOPLE LEAVING FOSTER CARE WILL BE **INCARCERATED** WITHIN A FEW YEARS AFTER TURNING 18.
- 50%**  OF YOUNG PEOPLE LEAVING FOSTER CARE WILL BE **UNEMPLOYED** WITHIN A FEW YEARS AFTER TURNING 18.

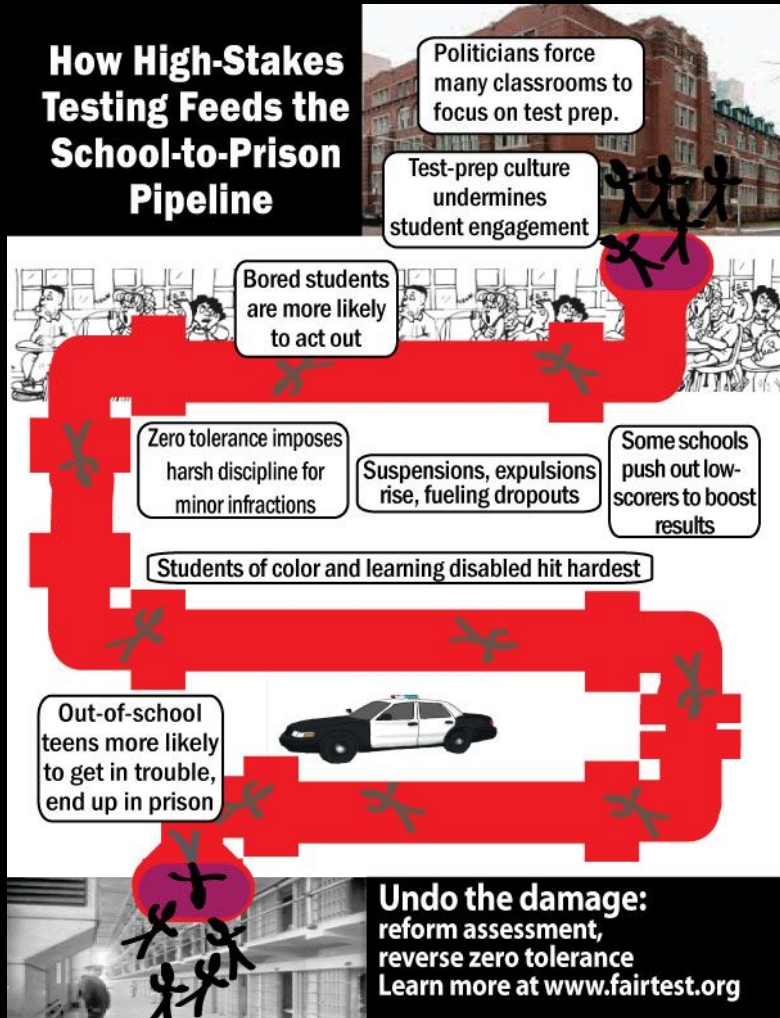
70% OF INMATES IN CALIFORNIA **STATE PRISON** ARE FORMER **FOSTER CARE** YOUTH.

THE COLOR OF MASS INCARCERATION



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How High-Stakes Testing Feeds the School-to-Prison Pipeline



School-to-Prison Pipeline



School: The "Zero Tolerance" Policy

Students are arrested and suspended for minor offenses, such as having cell phones, drawing on desks, and referencing to guns.

Previously suspended or arrested students can be sent to a Juvenile Detention by violating probation, such as missing school or disobeying school staff.

Criminal records make being a part of society and getting an education difficult.

Prison: Many Wind Up Back In the System

THE PIPELINE: WHAT COMMUNITIES ARE MOST AFFECTED?

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STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

REFERRED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT



OF GENERAL POPULATION



BLACK STUDENTS ARE

3.8X

MORE LIKELY TO BE SUSPENDED THAN WHITES

ONE DISTRICT SUSPENDED

44.7%



OF ITS NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENTS IN 2009-2010

PERCENT CHANCE OF SUSPENSION IN A GIVEN YEAR

50%

16.2%

WHITE MALE WITH DISABILITIES

23.2%

LATINO MALE WITH DISABILITIES

33.8%

BLACK MALE WITH DISABILITIES

LGBTQ STUDENTS

IN JUVENILE DETENTION



OF GENERAL POPULATION



Do you know someone who is incarcerated (in jail)?
What do you think about prison?

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Look at this cartoon. What do you think is happening?
What is this cartoon saying about school and prison?

GROUP NAMES _____

1. **What information does the infographic show?**
2. **How do you feel about the statistics on this infographic? Explain why you feel like that.**
3. **Explain some of the differences between races of students in this infographic.**
4. **Why do you think this is happening?**
5. **How do we change this? What needs to be done in schools?**