

REGIONAL SAFE SCHOOLS PROGRAM (RSSP)

FY 2012 DATA SUMMARY



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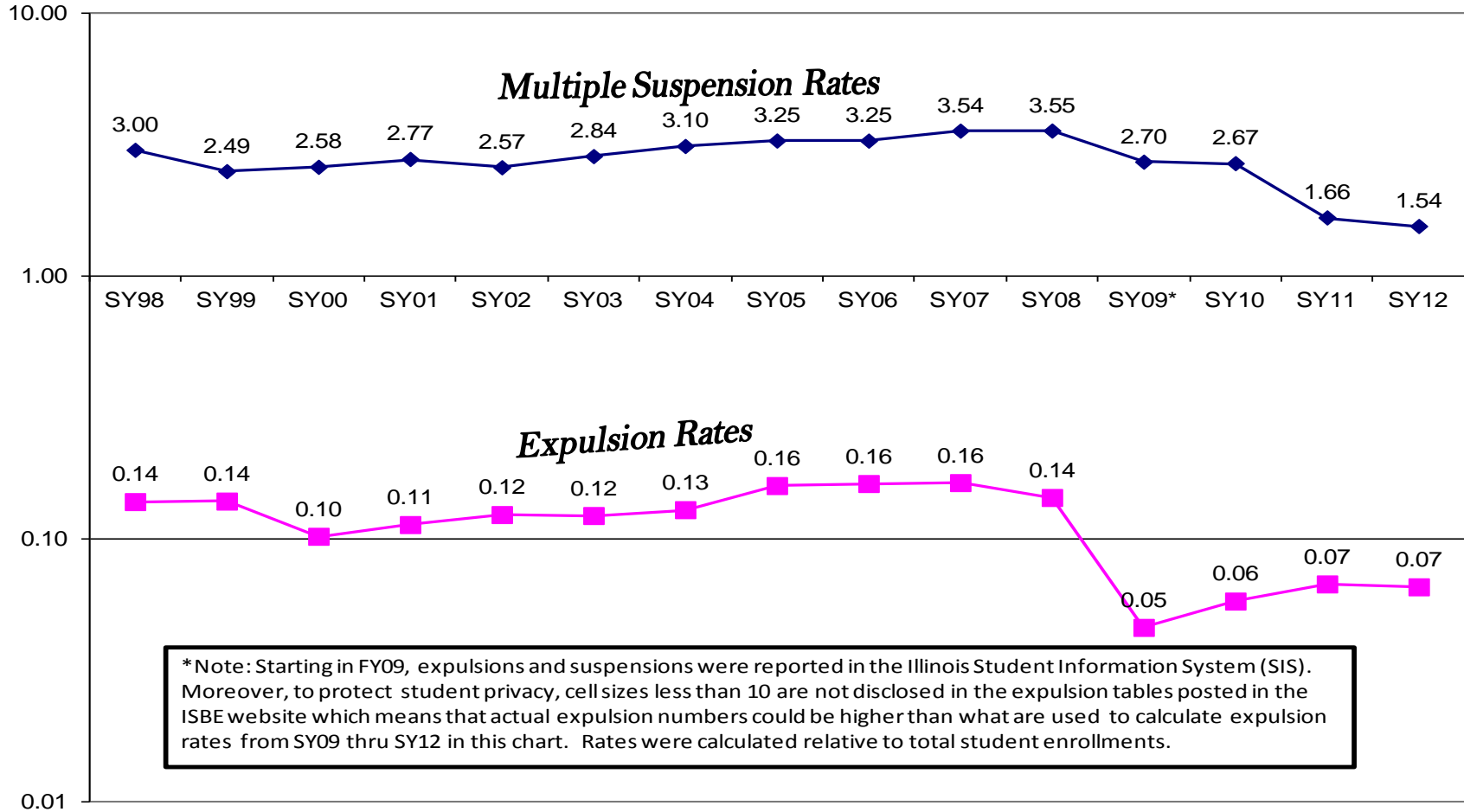
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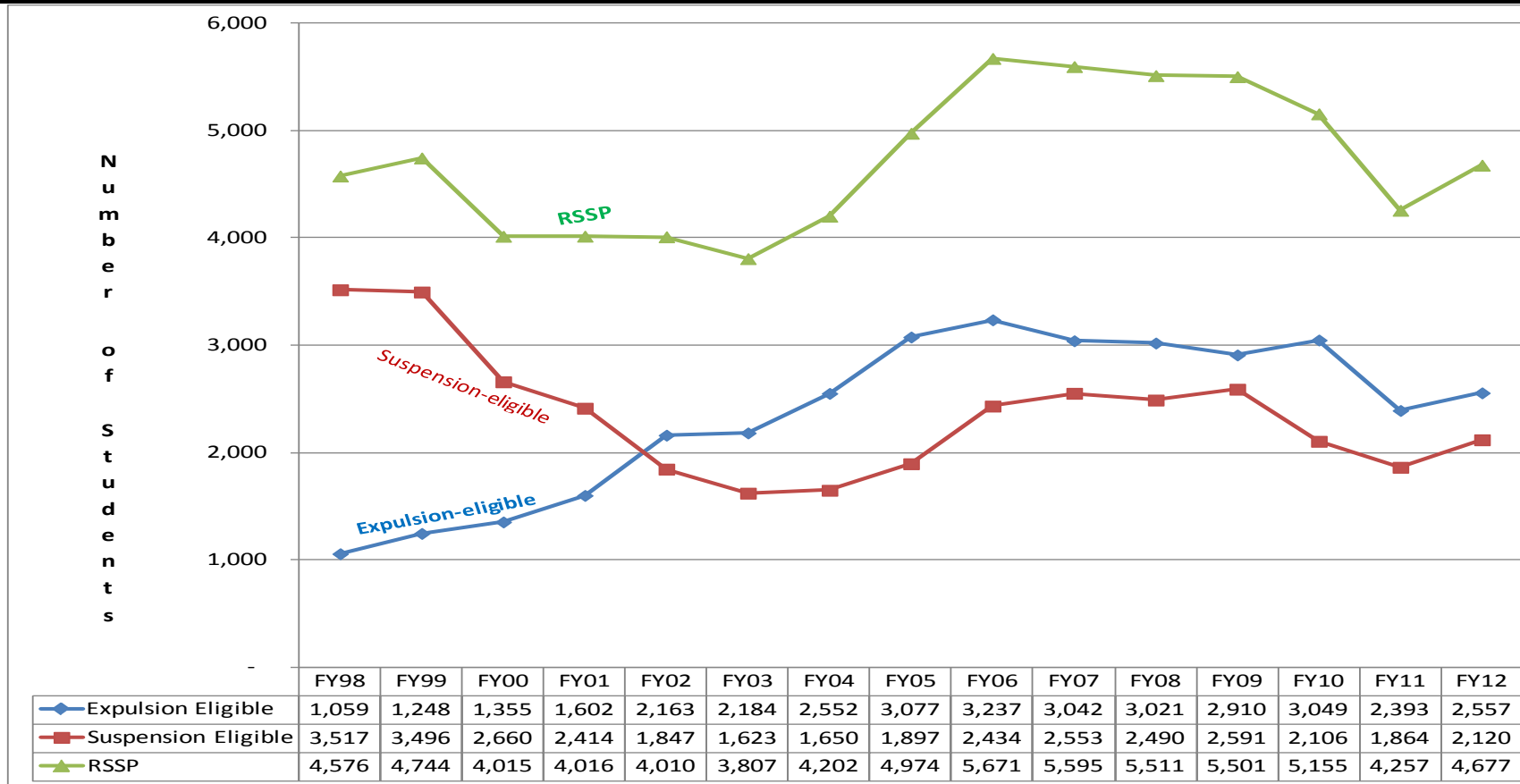
I. Expulsion and Multiple Suspension Rates in Illinois

Chart 1. Expulsion and Multiple Suspension Rates in Illinois: SY98-SY12



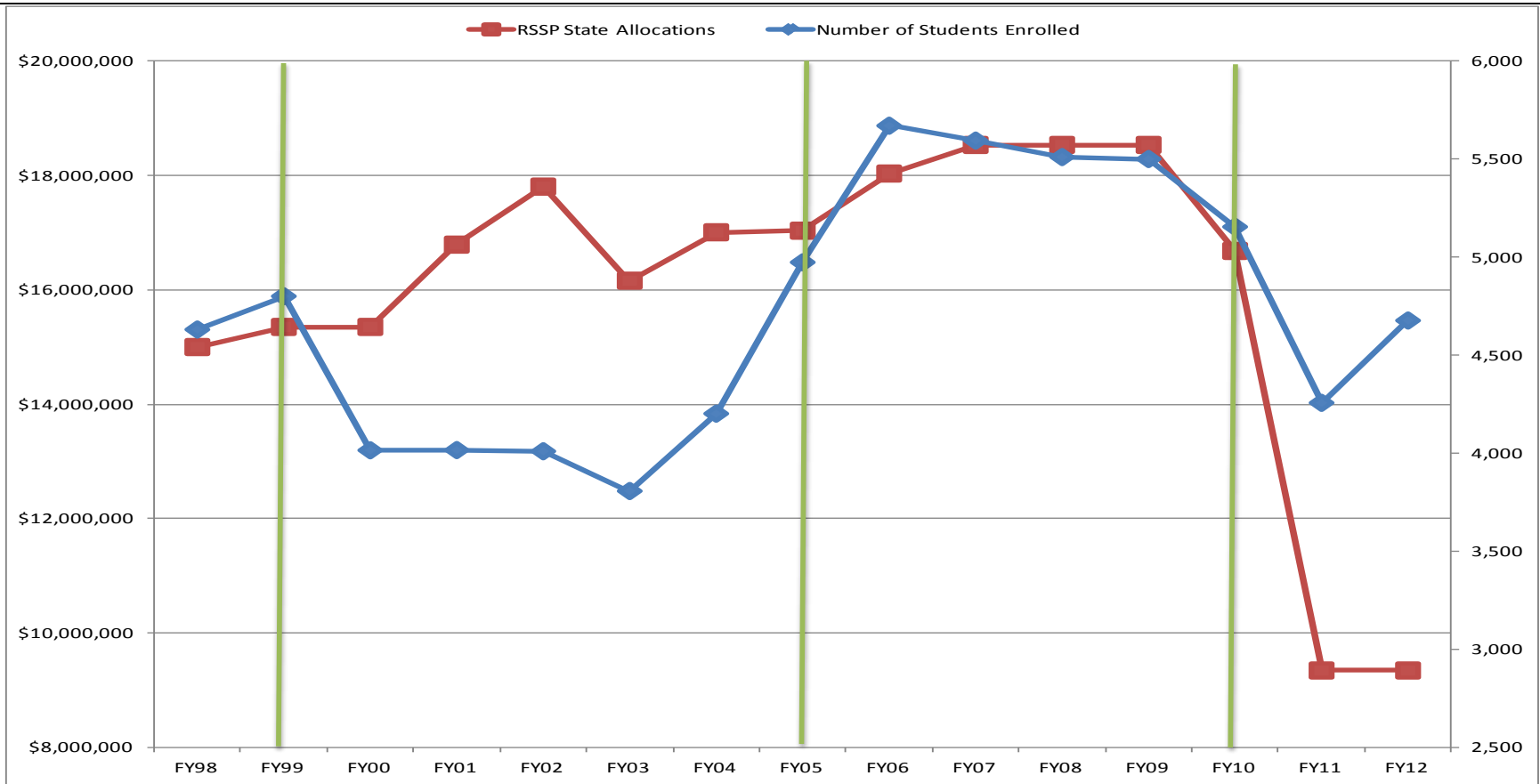
II. Annual RSSP Student Enrollments and State Allocations

Chart 2. Number of Students Enrolled in RSSP, by Student Eligibility Status: FY98-FY12



RSSP initially enrolled more suspension-eligible students than expulsion-eligible students. The trend changed in FY02 when, RSSP enrolled more expulsion-eligible students than suspension-eligible students and the distribution has been consistent since.

Chart 3. Funding Levels of RSSP, by Number of Students Enrolled in RSSP: FY98-FY12



Between FY99 and FY05, funding levels for RSSP are high relative to the numbers of students served; in FY05 through FY10, funding levels match relative to the number of students served; and in FY11 and FY 12, funding levels are low relative to the number of students served.

Table 1. RSSP State Allocations, Annual Rate of Allocation Increase/Decrease, Number of Students Enrolled, Annual Rate of Increase/Decrease in Student Enrollments and Cost Per Student: FY97-FY12

Fiscal Year	RSSP State Allocations	Annual Rate of Allocation Increase/Decrease	Number of Students Enrolled	Annual Rate of Increase/Decrease in Student Enrollments	Cost Per Student*
FY97**	\$15,000,000		1,325		\$11,321
FY98***	\$15,000,000	0.0	4,631	249.5	\$3,239
FY99****	\$15,352,000	2.3	4,801	3.7	\$3,198
FY00	\$15,352,000	0.0	4,015	-16.4	\$3,824
FY01	\$16,791,627	9.4	4,016	0.0	\$4,181
FY02	\$17,806,626	6.0	4,010	-0.1	\$4,441
FY03	\$16,160,900	-9.2	3,807	-5.1	\$4,245
FY04	\$17,007,899	5.2	4,202	10.4	\$4,048
FY05	\$17,035,497	0.2	4,974	18.4	\$3,425
FY06	\$18,035,498	5.9	5,671	14.0	\$3,180
FY07	\$18,535,492	2.8	5,595	-1.3	\$3,313
FY08	\$18,535,499	0.0	5,511	-1.5	\$3,363
FY09	\$18,535,494	0.0	5,501	-0.2	\$3,369
FY10	\$16,681,497	-10.0	5,155	-6.3	\$3,236
FY11	\$9,341,900	-44.0	4,257	-17.4	\$2,194
FY12	\$9,341,900	0.0	4,677	9.9	\$1,997

* This is the planning year and some ROEs have not fully implemented their programs

** Cost per student is based on RSSP state funds only and does not include General State Aid (GSA) monies received by ROEs and Chicago Public School District 299 (CPS).

*** Of the 4,631 students enrolled in RSSP in FY98, 55 students did not have eligibility designations (i.e. expulsion-eligible or suspension-eligible.) Therefore, only **4,576** students were reported for FY98 in Chart 1 on page 1 of this report.

**** Of the 4,801 students enrolled in RSSP in FY99, 57 students did not have eligibility designations (i.e. expulsion-eligible or suspension-eligible.) Therefore, only **4,744** students were reported for FY99 in Chart 1 on page 1 of this report.

III. RSSP Student Demographics

Table 2. RSSP Students, by Grade Level and Student Eligibility Status: FY12

Grade Level	Expulsion-Eligible		Suspension-Eligible		Total	
	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct. of Grade 6-12 Total
6	93	63.3	54	36.7	147	3.1
7	216	54.7	179	45.3	395	8.4
8	375	52.4	341	47.6	716	15.3
9	632	56.7	482	43.3	1,114	23.8
10	595	58.8	417	41.2	1,012	21.6
11	443	54.3	373	45.7	816	17.4
12	203	42.6	274	57.4	477	10.2
Grade 6-12 Total	2,557	54.7	2,120	45.3	4,677	100.0

Table 3. RSSP Students, by Race/Ethnicity and Student Eligibility Status: FY12

Student Race/Ethnicity	Expulsion-Eligible		Suspension-Eligible		Total	
	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct. of Race/Ethnicity Total
Hispanic or Latino	501	55.8	397	44.2	898	19.2
Am Indian or Alaska Native	13	72.2	5	27.8	18	0.4
Asian	15	51.7	14	48.3	29	0.6
Black or African American	1,051	63.7	598	36.3	1,649	35.3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	50.0	1	50.0	2	0.0
White	908	46.7	1,037	53.3	1,945	41.6
Two or More Races	68	50.0	68	50.0	136	2.9
Race/Ethnicity Total	2,557	54.7	2,120	45.3	4,677	100.0

Reason(s) Students Were Transferred to RSSP

Table 4. Primary Reason* for Student Transfer to RSSP, by Student Eligibility Status: FY12

Primary Reason for Student's Transfer to RSSP	Expulsion-Eligible		Suspension-Eligible		Total	
	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct. of Primary Reason Total
Alcohol	25	59.5	17	40.5	42	0.9
Disorderly conduct	238	45.2	288	54.8	526	11.2
Drugs	694	84.5	127	15.5	821	17.6
Fighting	618	67.6	296	32.4	914	19.5
Harassment - nonsexual	38	53.5	33	46.5	71	1.5
Insubordination	143	25.0	430	75.0	573	12.3
Robbery/Theft	52	71.2	21	28.8	73	1.6
Threats	141	64.7	77	35.3	218	4.7
Vandalism	19	65.5	10	34.5	29	0.6
Violation of school rules	202	24.1	635	75.9	837	17.9
Weapons possession	289	87.3	42	12.7	331	7.1
Other offenses	98	40.5	144	59.5	242	5.2
<i>Aggravated battery/Assault</i>	22	22.4	2	1.4	24	9.9
<i>Aggression</i>	1	1.0	5	3.5	6	2.5
<i>Arson</i>	1	1.0	0	-	1	0.4
<i>Bomb threat</i>	1	1.0	0	-	1	0.4
<i>Gang activities</i>	32	32.7	11	7.6	43	17.8
<i>Sexual harassment</i>	13	13.3	3	2.1	16	6.6
<i>Tobacco</i>	3	3.1	1	0.7	4	1.7
<i>Other</i>	23	23.5	72	50.0	95	39.3
Unknown	2	2.0	50	34.7	52	21.5
Eligibility Status Total	2,557	54.7	2,120	45.3	4,677	100.0

*For description of offenses, see Appendix B.

The majority of students transferred to RSSP were expulsion-eligible students (54.7 percent) and a greater number of these students committed offenses related to possession of drugs/ weapons or fighting while in their home schools. Meanwhile, a greater number of insubordinate students or violating school rules were suspension-eligible students.

Overall, the majority of students transferred to RSSP were in possession of drugs (17.6 percent), involved in fighting (19.5 percent), or violated school rules (17.9 percent).

Table 5. Primary Reason for Student Transfer to RSSP, by Grade Level: FY12

Primary Reason for Student's Transfer to RSSP		Grade Level							Total
		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Alcohol	No.	0	1	11	9	7	9	5	42
	Pct.	0.0	2.4	26.2	21.4	16.7	21.4	11.9	
Disorderly conduct	No.	18	51	76	126	131	86	38	526
	Pct.	3.4	9.7	14.4	24.0	24.9	16.3	7.2	
Drugs	No.	5	42	124	165	192	192	101	821
	Pct.	0.6	5.1	15.1	20.1	23.4	23.4	12.3	
Fighting	No.	36	75	133	245	213	135	77	914
	Pct.	3.9	8.2	14.6	26.8	23.3	14.8	8.4	
Harassment, nonsexual	No.	3	7	12	18	10	11	10	71
	Pct.	4.2	9.9	16.9	25.4	14.1	15.5	14.1	
Insubordination	No.	18	48	87	158	121	80	61	573
	Pct.	3.1	8.4	15.2	27.6	21.1	14.0	10.6	
Robbery/Theft	No.	0	4	10	20	20	11	8	73
	Pct.	0.0	5.5	13.7	27.4	27.4	15.1	11.0	
Threats	No.	9	22	37	59	52	29	10	218
	Pct.	4.1	10.1	17.0	27.1	23.9	13.3	4.6	
Vandalism	No.	3	4	4	8	5	2	3	29
	Pct.	10.3	13.8	13.8	27.6	17.2	6.9	10.3	
Violation of school rules	No.	16	65	124	175	154	174	129	837
	Pct.	1.9	7.8	14.8	20.9	18.4	20.8	15.4	
Weapons possession	No.	25	49	62	67	61	47	20	331
	Pct.	7.6	14.8	18.7	20.2	18.4	14.2	6.0	
Other offenses	No.	14	27	36	64	46	40	15	242
	Pct.	5.8	11.2	14.9	26.4	19.0	16.5	6.2	
TOTAL		147	395	716	1,114	1,012	816	477	4,677

Substance abuse, such as drugs or alcohol, start early for some students transferred to RSSP. Specifically, about 26 percent and 15 percent of students transferred to RSSP due to alcohol or drug offenses were in grade 8. Moreover, over 41 percent of students transferred to RSSP because of weapon(s) possession were in elementary grades.

RSSP Services

Table 6. Services Received by RSSP Students, by Type of Service and Student Eligibility Status: FY12

Type of Service	Expulsion-Eligible		Suspension-Eligible		Duplicate Totals*	
	Duplicated Count	Pct. of Unduplicated Count	Duplicated Count	Pct. of Unduplicated Count	Duplicated Count	Pct. of Unduplicated Count
Academic Instruction**	2,543	99.5	2,107	99.4	4,650	99.4
Alternative Education Plan	2,521	98.6	2,088	98.5	4,609	98.5
Individual Group Counseling	2,051	80.2	1,713	80.8	3,764	80.5
Behavior Modification	2,048	80.1	1,664	78.5	3,712	79.4
Life Skills Training	2,025	79.2	1,446	68.2	3,471	74.2
Online Instruction	1,070	41.8	981	46.3	2,051	43.9
Community Service	957	37.4	916	43.2	1,873	40.0
Tutoring	998	39.0	836	39.4	1,834	39.2
Mentoring	893	34.9	880	41.5	1,773	37.9
Referral To Social Services	786	30.7	328	15.5	1,114	23.8
School To Work	376	14.7	122	5.8	498	10.6
Parenting Classes	186	7.3	104	4.9	290	6.2
GED Instruction***	22	1.2	25	1.6	47	1.4
Unduplicated Count	2,557		2,120		4,677	

*A student in RSSP can receive more than one type of service.

**The percentage is not equal to 100 percent. Some students did not stay long enough in the program i.e., less than one week, to receive academic instruction.

*** Percentages were based on the total number of high school students enrolled in RSSP.

RSSP Student Outcomes

Table 7. Outcomes Attained by RSSP Students, by Cohort and Grade Level: FY12

Student Outcome	Expulsion-Eligible		Suspension-Eligible		Duplicate Totals*		Cohort
	Duplicated Count	Pct. of Cohort (Unduplicated) Count	Duplicated Count	Pct. of Cohort (Unduplicated) Count	Duplicated Count	Pct. of Cohort (Unduplicated) Count	
Earned high school credit	1,466	78.3	1,177	76.1	2,643	77.3	High school students
Reduced Incidents**	2,053	80.3	1,503	70.9	3,556	76.0	All students
Advanced in grade	379	55.4	347	60.5	726	57.7	Elementary students
Graduated from high school	107	52.7	147	53.6	254	53.2	Grade 12
Completed elementary school	174	46.4	160	46.9	334	46.6	Grade 8
Met AEP (Alternative Education Plan) objectives	1,235	48.3	848	40.0	2,083	44.5	All students
Received GED certificate	7	31.8	8	32.0	15	31.9	Enrolled in GED program
Returned To Home School	996	39.0	465	21.9	1,461	31.2	All students
Dropped From RSSP Or Reassigned	388	15.2	311	14.7	699	14.9	All students
Transferred To Other Education Program	212	8.3	143	6.7	355	7.6	All students
Moved Out Of State	41	1.6	29	1.4	70	1.5	All students

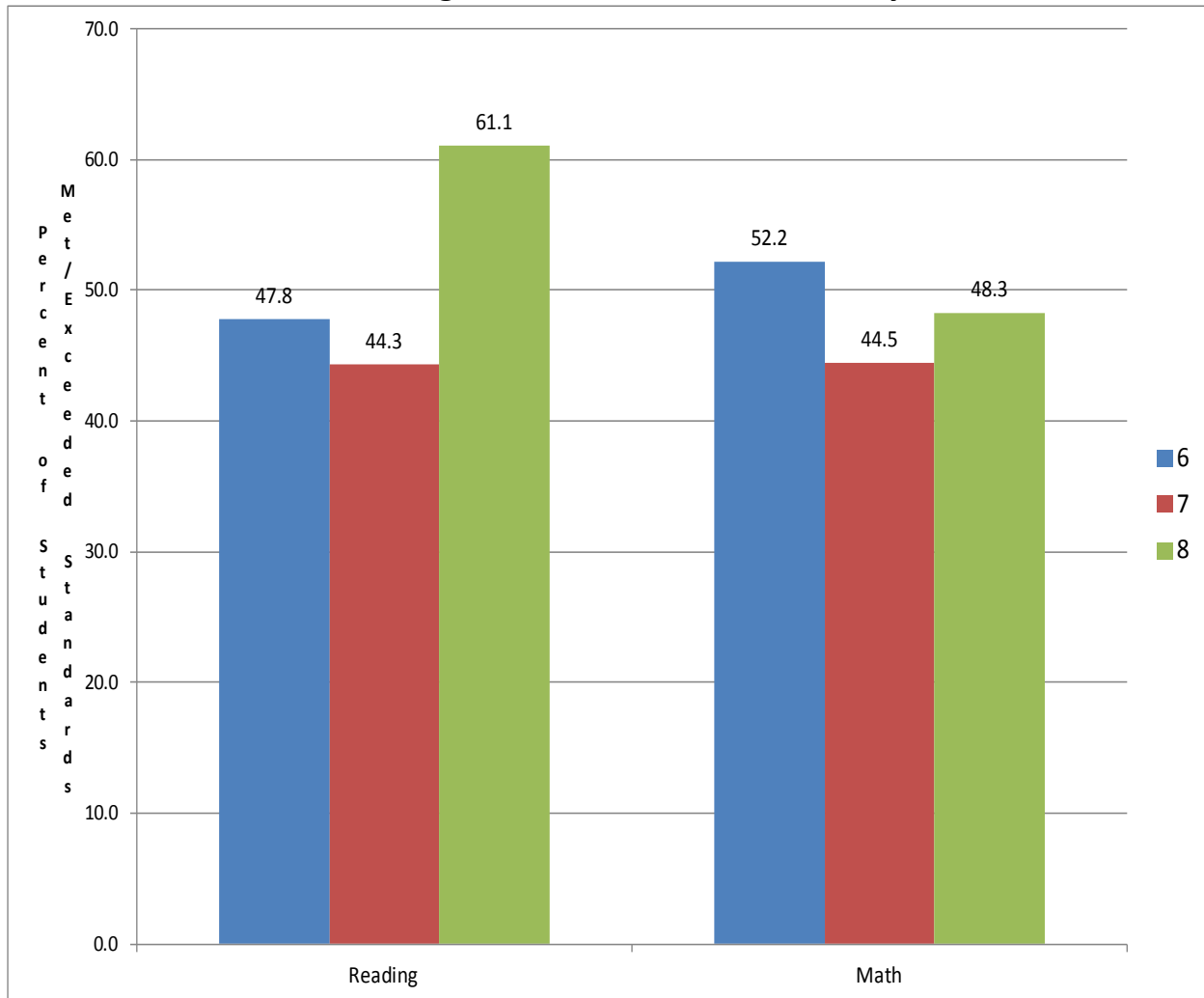
*Each student in RSSP is reported with multiple outcomes

**This outcome is associated with the reason for primary transfer to RSSP.

RSSP's highest outcome was with high school students earning academic credits (77.3 percent). Incidents related to the primary reason students were administratively transferred to RSSP were also reduced for 76 percent of all students. Other outcomes achieved by RSSP students include 57.7 percent elementary students advancing to the next grade and 53.2 percent grade 12 students graduating from high school.

Performance of RSSP Students on the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT)

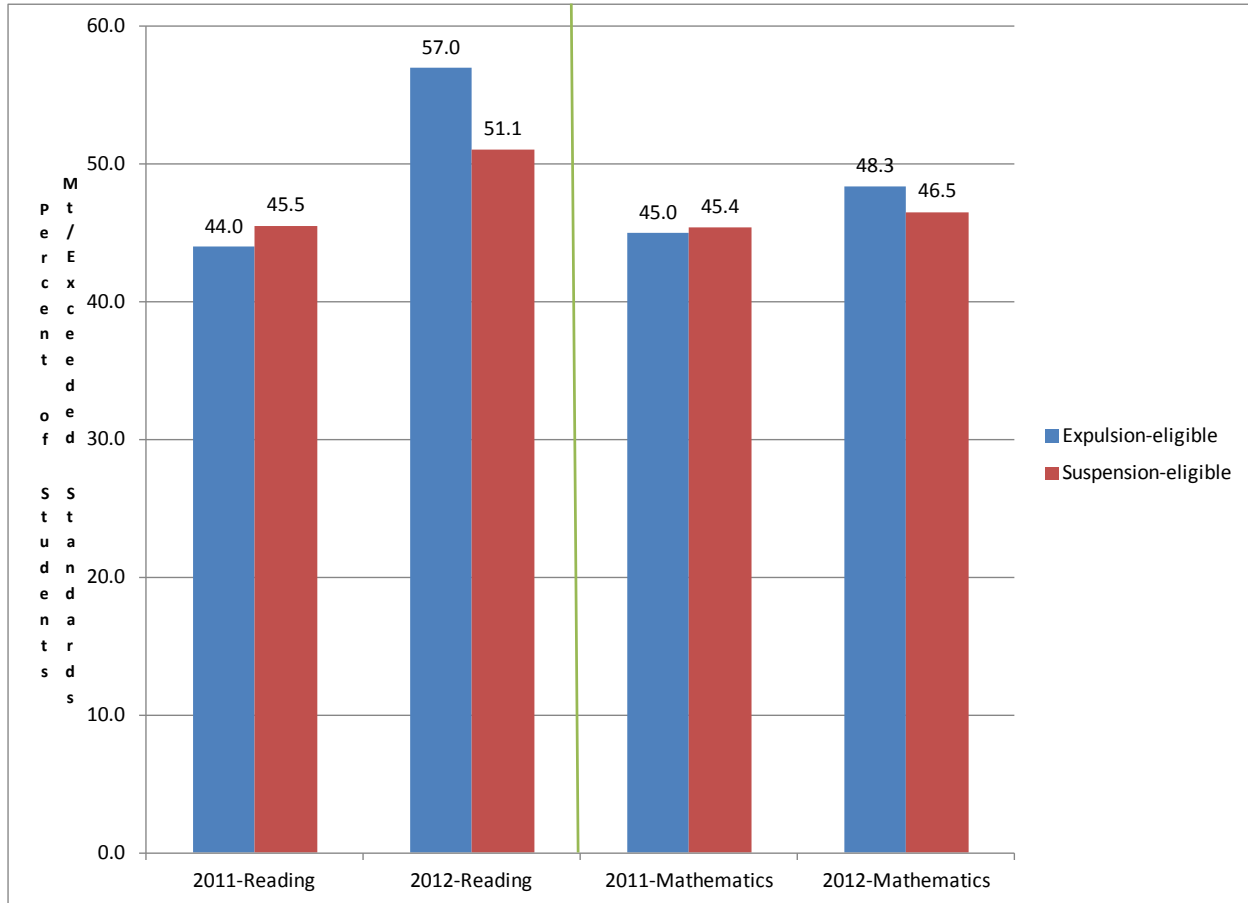
Chart 4. Percentage of RSSP Students* Who Met or Exceeded State Standards on the ISAT-Reading and/or ISAT-Mathematics, by Grade Level: 2012



*Percentages are based on grades 6-8 RSSP students who took the ISAT.

RSSP grade 8 students were the highest performing group on the ISAT-Reading with 61.1 percent of students meeting standards – 17 percentage points greater than grade 7 and 13 percentage points greater than grade 6. On the other hand, grade 6 students were the highest performing group on the ISAT-mathematics with 52.2 percent of students meeting the standards – almost 8 percentage points greater than grade 7 and 4 percentage points greater than grade 8. Grade 7 is the lowest performing group.

Chart 5. Percentage of R SSP Students* Who Met or Exceeded State Standards on the ISAT-Reading and/or ISAT-Mathematics, by Student Eligibility Status: 2011 and 2012



*Percentages are based on grades 6-8 R SSP students who took the ISAT.

Grades 6-8 students enrolled in R SSP in 2012 did better on the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) than grades 6-8 students enrolled in R SSP in 2011. While grades 6-8 enrollments given eligibility status are similar between 2011 and 2012, suspension-eligible students slightly edged expulsion-eligible students in 2011. However, in 2012, expulsion-eligible students significantly outperformed suspension-eligible students on the ISAT. While the performance trend of ALL Illinois students tested on the ISAT show higher percentages of students meeting the standards on the ISAT-Mathematics, in R SSP it is the reverse, where more students are meeting the standards in Reading and this has been the case for the last three years.

Data elsewhere still show R SSP students significantly falling behind their non-R SSP peers on the state achievement tests.

APPENDIX A

Number and Percentage of Students Enrolled, by RSSP Project and Student Eligibility: FY12

ROE #	RSSP PROJECT (ROE/ISC/CPS)	Expulsion-Eligible		Suspension-Eligible		Total	
		No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct. of All Projects Total
01	Adams/Pike	5	3.8	126	96.2	131	2.8
02	Alxndr/John/Masc/Pulski/Unon	11	36.7	19	63.3	30	0.6
03	Bond/Effingham/Fayette	9	28.1	23	71.9	32	0.7
04	Boone/Winnebago	100	100.0	0	0.0	100	2.1
05	North Cook ISC 1	85	51.5	80	48.5	165	3.5
06	West Cook ISC 2	113	68.1	53	31.9	166	3.5
07	South Cook ISC 4	65	21.6	236	78.4	301	6.4
08	Carroll/Jo Daviess/Stephenson	20	42.6	27	57.4	47	1.0
09	Champaign/Ford	79	41.4	112	58.6	191	4.1
10	Christian/Montgomery	3	5.0	57	95.0	60	1.3
11	Clk/CIs/Cmbn/Dglas/Edgr/Mtr/Shlb	50	34.5	95	65.5	145	3.1
12	Clay/Cwford/Jsper/Lwrnce/Rhland	31	73.8	11	26.2	42	0.9
13	Clinton/Marion/Washington	16	43.2	21	56.8	37	0.8
15	City of Chicago SD 299	507	99.8	1	0.2	508	10.9
16	De Kalb	11	20.8	42	79.2	53	1.1
17	De Witt/Livingston/McLean	67	29.9	157	70.1	224	4.8
19	DuPage	64	92.8	5	7.2	69	1.5
20	Edwd/Gltn/Hdin/Pop/Sine/Wbh/Wn/Wh	19	51.4	18	48.6	37	0.8
21	Franklin/Williamson	9	27.3	24	72.7	33	0.7
22	Fulton/Schuyler	30	76.9	9	23.1	39	0.8
24	Grundy/Kendall	29	11.7	218	88.3	247	5.3
25	Hamilton/Jefferson	2	7.7	24	92.3	26	0.6
26	Hancock/McDonough	11	50.0	11	50.0	22	0.5
27	Henderson/Mercer/Warren	2	16.7	10	83.3	12	0.3
28	Bureau/Henry/Stark	9	31.0	20	69.0	29	0.6
30	Jackson/Perry	15	53.6	13	46.4	28	0.6
31	Kane	135	66.2	69	33.8	204	4.4
32	Iroquois/Kankakee	4	4.0	97	96.0	101	2.2
33	Knox	8	22.2	28	77.8	36	0.8
34	Lake	161	89.9	18	10.1	179	3.8
35	La Salle	41	45.1	50	54.9	91	1.9
38	Logan/Mason/Menard	13	27.7	34	72.3	47	1.0
39	Macon/Piatt	38	74.5	13	25.5	51	1.1
40	Calhoun/Greene/Jersy/Macoupin	32	68.1	15	31.9	47	1.0
41	Madison	82	80.4	20	19.6	102	2.2
43	Marshall/Putnam/Woodford	20	46.5	23	53.5	43	0.9
44	McHenry	46	90.2	5	9.8	51	1.1
45	Mon/Randolph	14	38.9	22	61.1	36	0.8
46	Brown/Cass/Morgan/Scott	5	13.2	33	86.8	38	0.8
47	Lee/Ogle	30	63.8	17	36.2	47	1.0
48	Peoria	142	100.0	0	0.0	142	3.0
49	Rock Island	25	46.3	29	53.7	54	1.2
50	St Clair	72	67.3	35	32.7	107	2.3
51	Sangamon	26	63.4	15	36.6	41	0.9
53	Tazewell	57	100.0	0	0.0	57	1.2
54	Vermilion	35	97.2	1	2.8	36	0.8
55	Whiteside	12	60.0	8	40.0	20	0.4
56	Will	197	52.8	176	47.2	373	8.0
	TOTAL	2557	54.7	2120	45.3	4,677	100.0

APPENDIX B

Description of Offenses

Alcohol (liquor law violations, possession, use, sale)

Disorderly conduct (disruptive behavior)

Drugs, excluding alcohol and tobacco (illegal drug possession, sale, use/under the influence)

Fighting (mutual altercation, battery, and/or physical altercation)

Harassment, nonsexual (physical, verbal, or psychological)

Insubordination (disobedience to school staff or school personnel)

Robbery (taking of things by force) or theft

Threats (including school threats)

Vandalism (damage to school or personal property)

Violation of school rules (disobeying school policy)

Weapons possession (firearms and other weapons)