

# What's the problem with PUSHOUT?

**Students suspended, expelled or arrested in school are more likely to drop out or graduate late.**

*Students at schools that use suspensions less perform better on academic tests and have better opinions of their principals.<sup>1,3,4</sup>*

*A student with three or more suspensions by his sophomore year is five times more likely to drop out than other students.<sup>1</sup>*

**Suspended students miss class time and are more likely to do poorly in school.**

*Students who have been suspended score an average of five grade levels behind in reading skills after two years.<sup>5</sup>*

**1 high school graduate prisoner,  
8 non-graduate prisoners**  
*Young people who do not finish high school are more than eight times more likely to go to prison than students who graduate.<sup>3</sup>*

**Pushout denies young people their right to education!  
Pushout makes it more likely that a young person will end up in the prison system!  
Schools that don't push out students are better schools!**

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