Retention and Suspension of English Learners (ELs)

**Fact**

In SY 2011-12, ELs represented 14 percent of all students enrolled—and 18 percent of students “held back,” or retained—in grades K-6 nationwide.

**Fact**

In SY 2011-12, ELs represented 5 percent of all students enrolled—and 11 percent of those students “held back” or retained—in high schools nationwide.

**Fact**

In SY 2011-12, ELs represented 12 percent of preschool students enrolled nationwide, 11 percent of those suspended one time, and 9 percent of preschool students suspended more than once.

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**Fact**

In SY 2011-12, ELs represented 10 percent of all students enrolled and 7 percent of all students receiving out-of-school suspensions.