

Juvenile Justice Amendments

Are We Failing Our Children?



Heard in Judiciary
Interim Committee
on Sept 16, 2025.

The Situation In Schools Around The State:



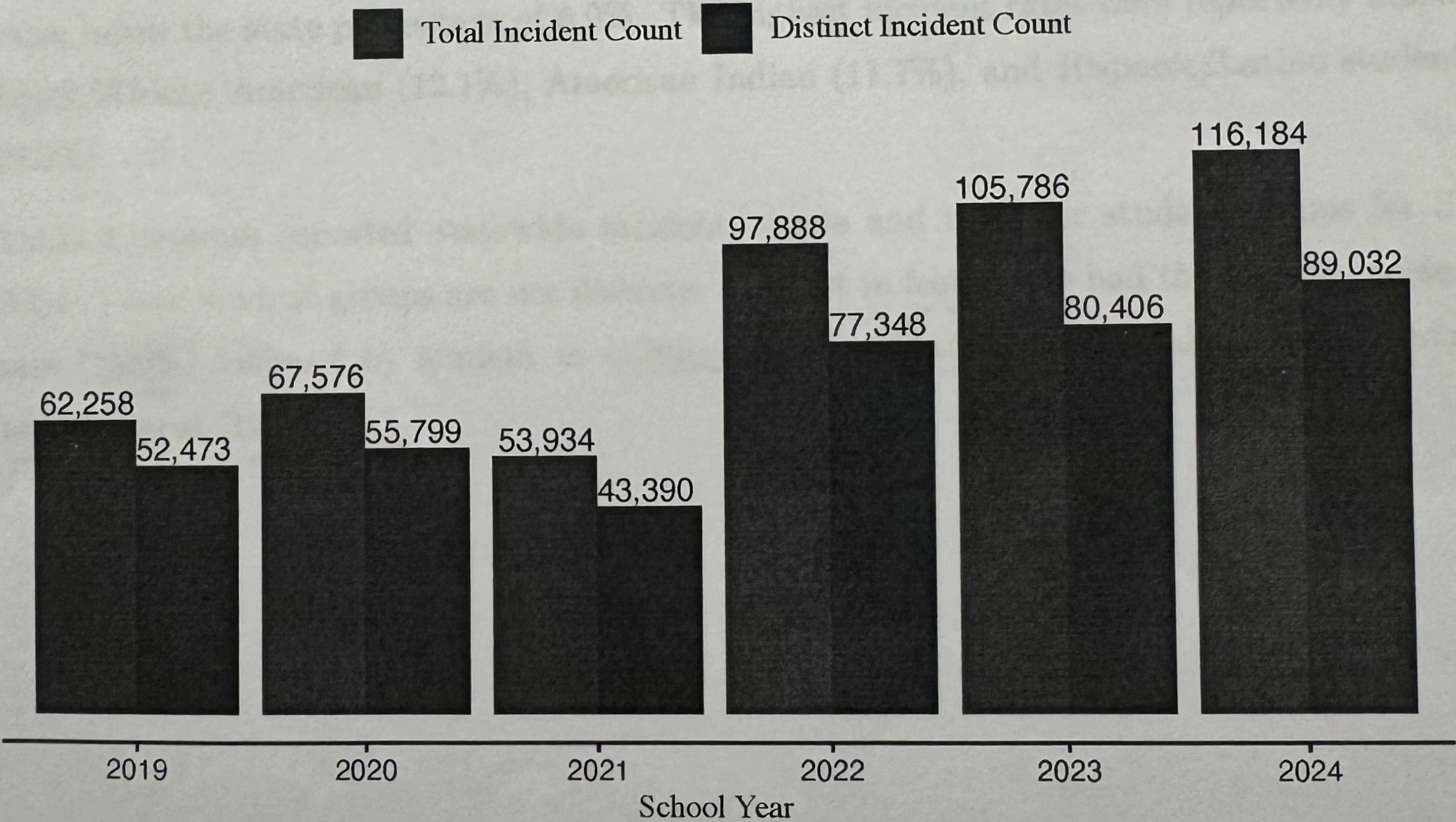
Hot-boxing photo

USBE
Annual
Incident
Report
Data

Table 1: Percent of LEAs that reported incidents by school year

School Year	Percent Reported
2019	96.1%
2020	97.4%
2021	92.9%
2022	95.5%
2023	96.2%
2024	95.5%

Figure 1. Incident counts by year



In addition to Figure 1, Table 2 offers incident counts along with enrollment counts, student counts, and incident rates. The percentages of students with incidents (Incident Rate) reported has increased from 3.3% in SY 2021 to 6.9% in SY 2024. While there have been noteworthy improvements in incident data reporting since SY 2017, SHARP survey data (<https://sumh.utah.gov/data-reports/sharp-survey>) suggests that actual incident rates, especially for bullying, are likely higher than those reported to USBE.

Table 2: State incident counts and rates by year

School Year	Enrollment Count	Distinct Incident Count	Distinct Count of Students With Incident(s)	Incident Rate	Distinct Count of Students With More Than One Incident	Percent of Students With More Than One Incident
2019	703,046	52,473	31,233	4.4%	11,328	1.6%
2020	710,159	55,799	28,665	4.0%	10,321	1.5%
2021	711,881	43,390	23,335	3.3%	7,993	1.1%
2022	722,032	77,348	41,142	5.7%	15,472	2.1%
2023	723,027	80,406	46,692	6.5%	18,009	2.5%
2024	724,340	89,032	49,834	6.9%	19,253	2.7%

Figure 5. Counts of suspensions and students receiving suspensions

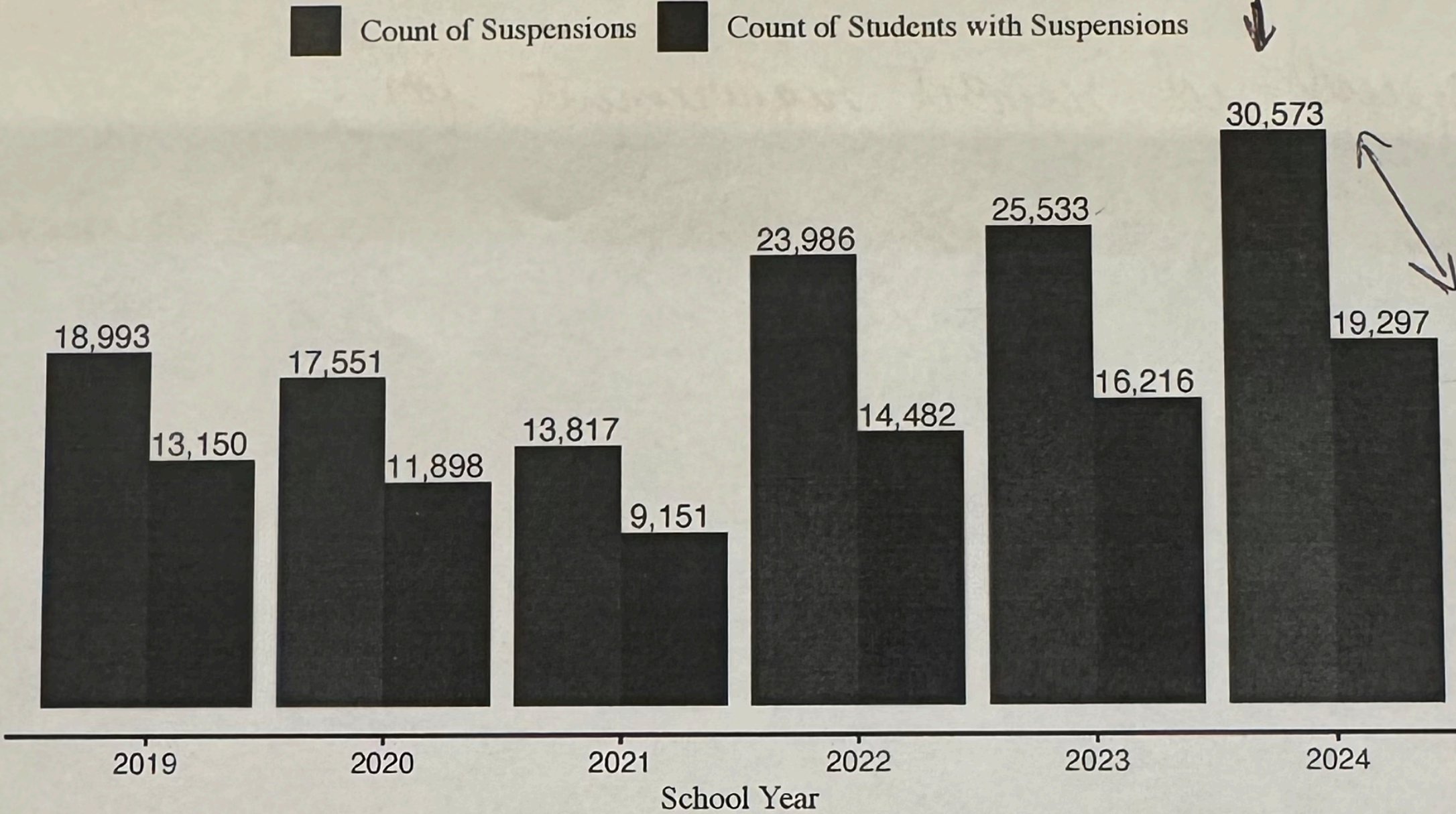
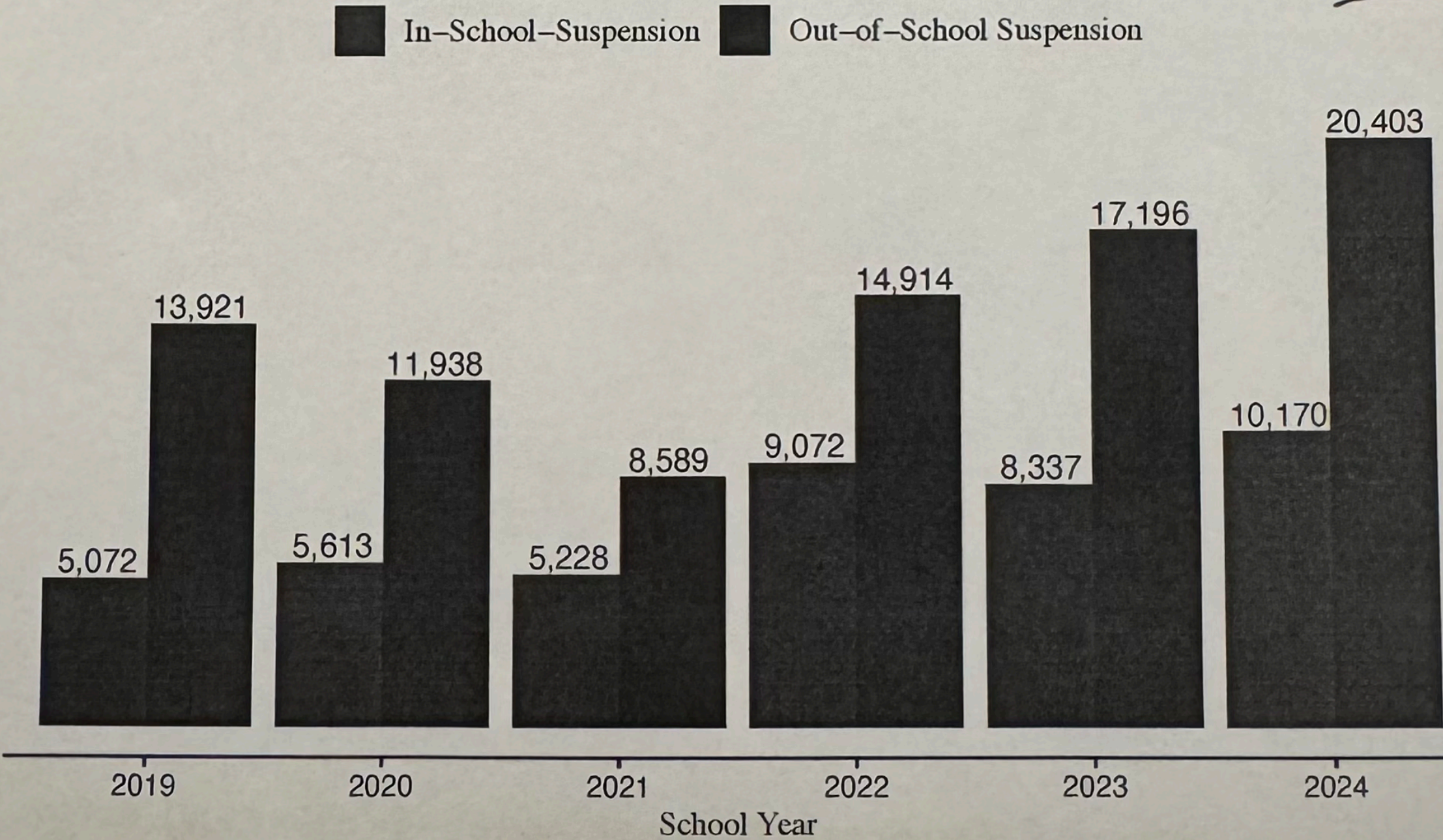


Figure 6. Counts of in-school and out-of-school suspensions



Behavior Turn Around

Consequences

Teaching

Caring

Boundaries

Helping

Clear Is Kind

Choices

Predictable

Skills

Addiction

Follow Through

Good Leadership