

# Expulsion Defense

## Advocating to Keep Kids in School



Getting expelled can be devastating for students, families, and our education system. We advocate for students throughout the expulsion process and work to protect students' rights.

### Statistics on Expulsions in Colorado

Last year, during the 2022-2023 school year, **1,045 students in Colorado were expelled**, compared to 939 students the year before.

**65% (684) of students expelled** during the 2022-2023 year were **students of color**. These students represent only 49% of the total student population.

**Students with disabilities** represented **32% of students expelled** during the 2022-2023 but make up only 12% of the total student population.

### TJP, DLC, & Colorado Lawyers Committee: Partnering to Provide a Pro Bono Expulsion Defense Project

Did you know that, before a school can expel you, you have a **right to an expulsion hearing and an attorney** representing you at that hearing?

Did you know that before expelling students with disabilities, schools must conduct a **Manifestation Determination Review (MDR)** to determine if the behavior was a manifestation of the student's disability?

Our Pro Bono Expulsion Defense Project offers **free legal representation** at expulsion hearings, MDRs, and throughout the disciplinary process.

### Contact Us to Learn More About Expulsion Defense

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