

RESEARCH STUDY TO LEARN WHY GIRLS OF COLOR IN MASSACHUSETTS ARE PUSHED OUT OF THE CLASSROOM AT HIGHER RATES THAN WHITE GIRLS

The Massachusetts Appleseed Center for Law and Justice recently released a report entitled Protecting Girls of Color from the School-to-Prison Pipeline, which found that Black girls in Massachusetts public schools are 4x more likely to be disciplined than white girls.

We have now brought together a Community Advisory Board – made up of students, teachers, and advocates across the state – to conduct a new study that will explore the stories behind these statistics, provide explanations for these disparities, and amplify how we can change current discipline practices.

TO SHARE YOUR STORY WITH US, YOU MUST:

- Be a female/female-identifying student that goes to a Massachusetts public school (including charter schools);
- Be in 7th – 12th grade;
- Identify as a person of color;
- Have at least one experience with exclusionary school discipline at a Massachusetts public school (in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, expulsion, or school-related arrest).

WHAT DOES SHARING MY STORY WITH MASSACHUSETTS APPLESEED LOOK LIKE?

- Participating in a virtual interview between 1-2 hours long, conducted by a member of Massachusetts Appleseed’s Community Advisory Board, alongside a member of Massachusetts Appleseed’s research team;
- During the interview you will answer questions about your experiences in the classroom, and experiences with school discipline;
- You will not have to answer any questions that you don’t want to;
- You can choose if you want our research to include your name, if you want to share your story anonymously (we wouldn’t use your real name), and/or if you want to identify your grade or the town where you go to school;
- You will receive \$25 per hour for this interview to compensate you for your time.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

- **Fill out this short survey!** If you qualify to be a participant in this study, you will be able to sign-up for an interview slot at the end of the survey.

QUESTIONS?

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