

# 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](#) released a report in 2020 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, or a student assigned female at birth, 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?

- [Use the QR Code or CLICK HERE to complete a short survey!](#) If you qualify to be a participant in this study, you will be contacted by Massachusetts Appleseed to sign-up for an interview slot.



## QUESTIONS?

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