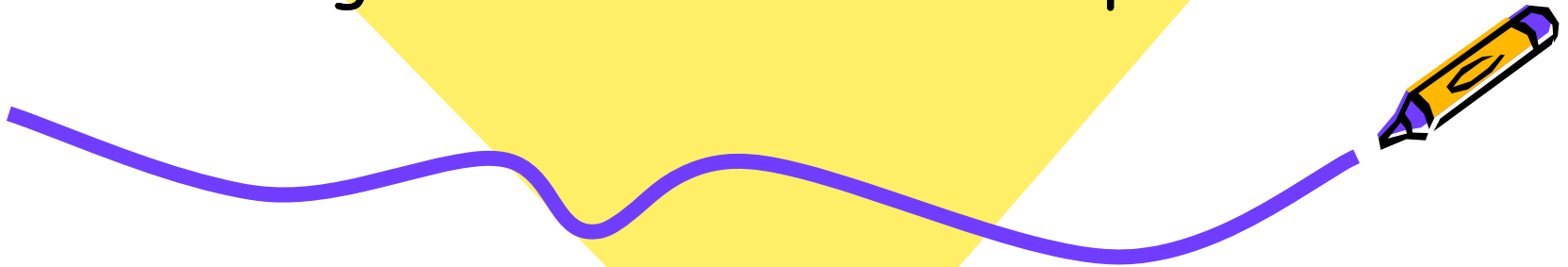




Where did all the  
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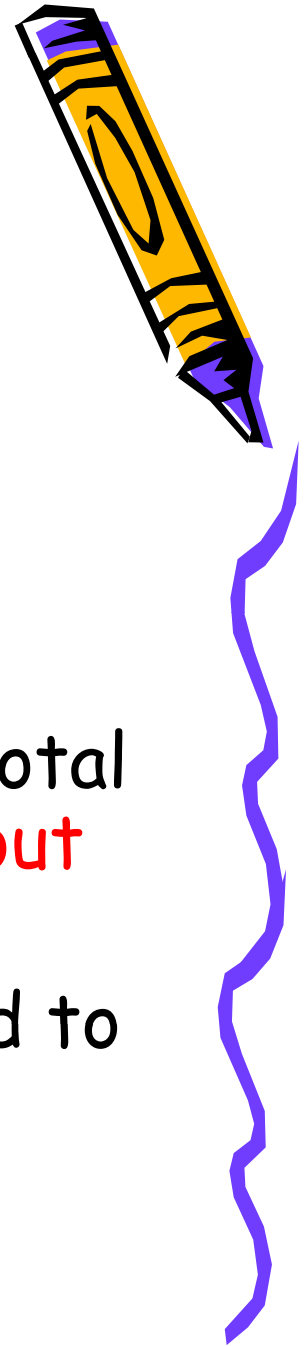
Georgia's School to Prison Pipeline



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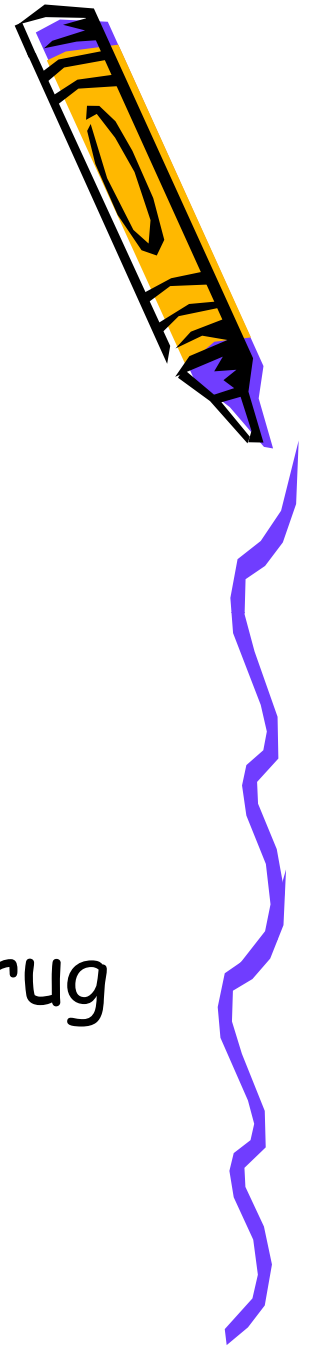
# 1.8 million days of lost instruction & 27,000 lost students

- In 2009 a quarter of a million Georgia students received 1,014,663 days of **in school suspension**.
- In 2009 over 150,000 students lost a total of 874,500 days of instruction due to **out of school suspensions**.
- In 2009 27,274 students were assigned to **alternative education**.



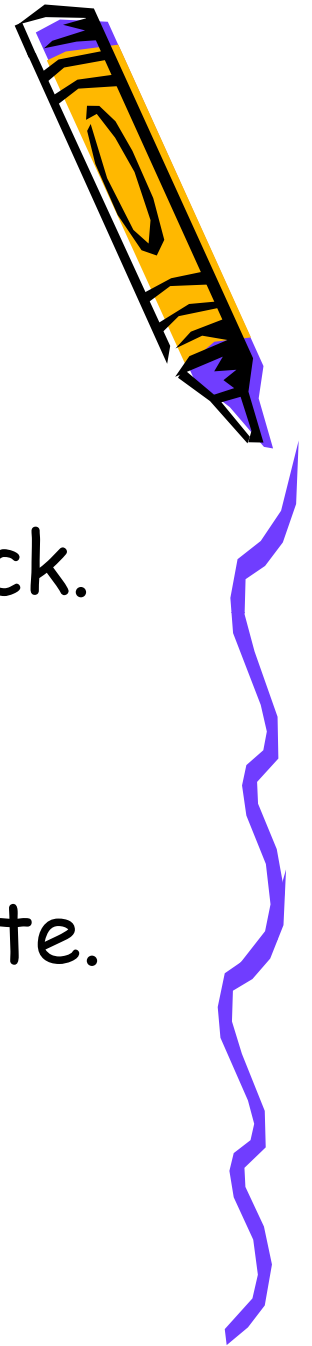
# Why are these kids getting suspended and expelled ?

- 20 % for fighting
- 6% for disorderly conduct
- 6% for drugs/weapons/serious violence
- 4% for threats and intimidation
- **75%** for "other" non violent/non drug related offenses



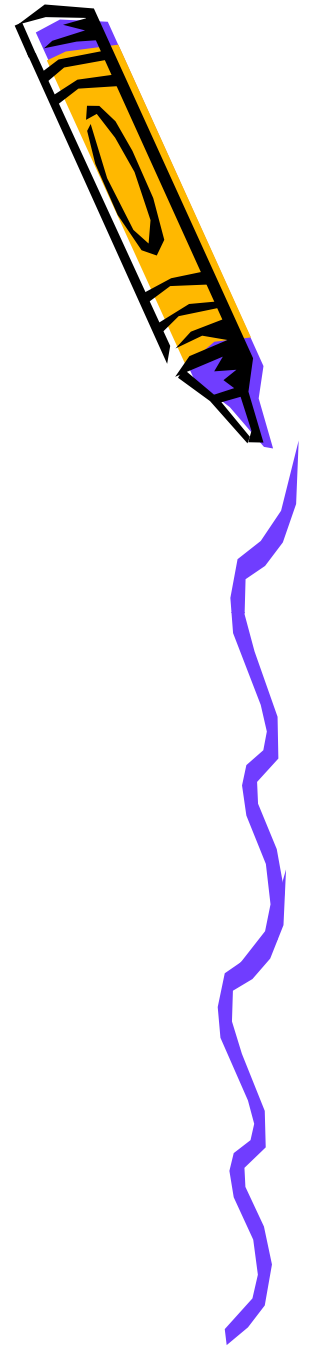
# Math Class: Lesson #1

- 66% of OSS students are black.
- 38% of Georgia's students are black.
  
- 23% of OSS students are white.
- 46% of Georgia's students are white.



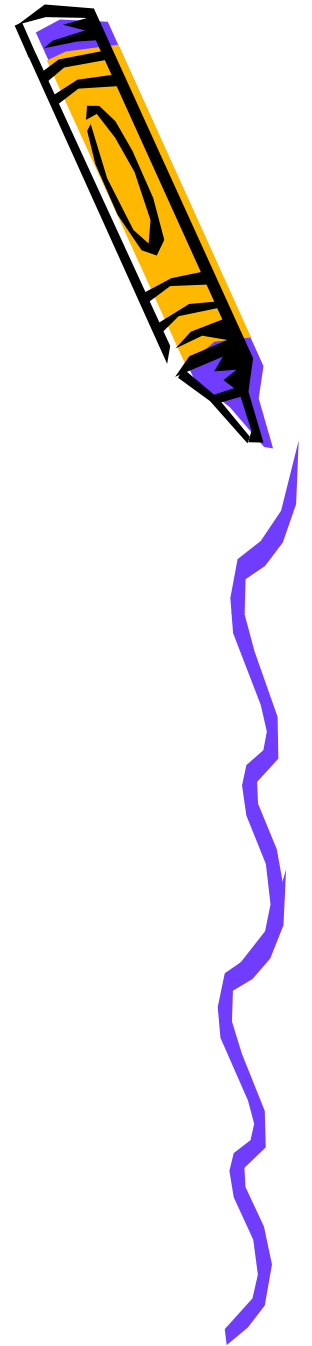
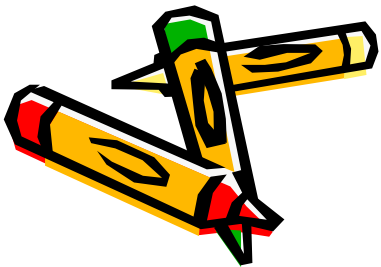
# Math Class: Lesson #2

- 68% of all OSS students are male
- 58% of all Georgia students are male
  
- 73% of all OSS students are poor
- 53% of all Georgia students are poor
  
- 18% of all OSS students are students with a disability
- 11% of all Georgia students have a disability

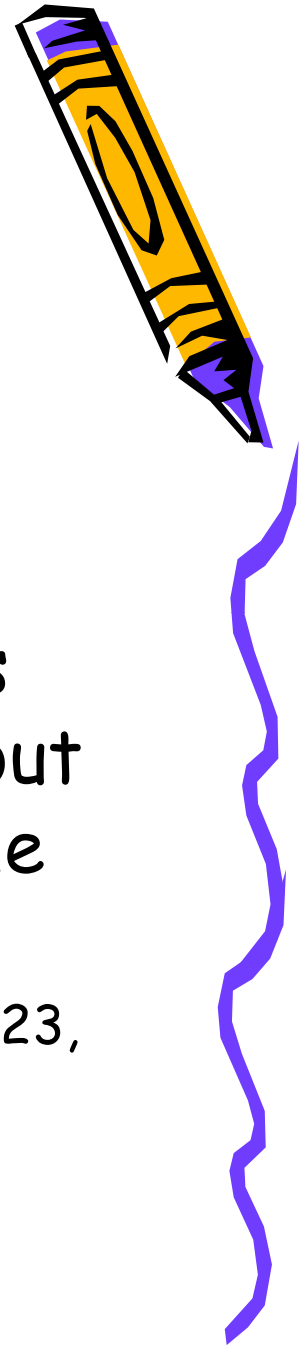


# What is alternative education ?

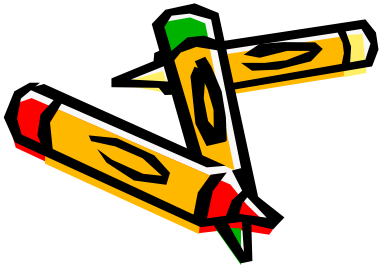
- Removal of a student from their traditional classroom to support:
  - A) credit recovery
  - B) truancy issues
  - C) disciplinary removal
  - D) open campuses



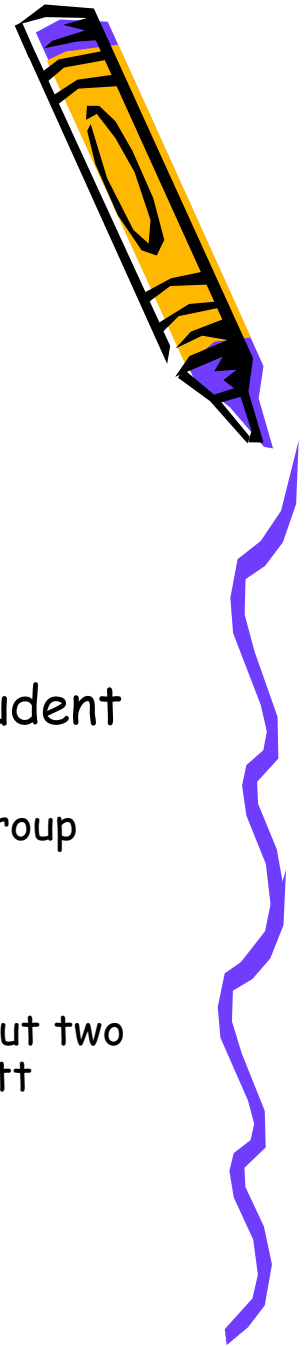
# Talk to me about Programs versus Schools for Alternative Education



- Programs
  - State test scores return to students home school. No data is segregated out to identify "program outcomes" to the public.
    - Over 500 "programs" across Georgia. About 23,000 students being served.



# Talk to me about Programs versus Schools for alternative education

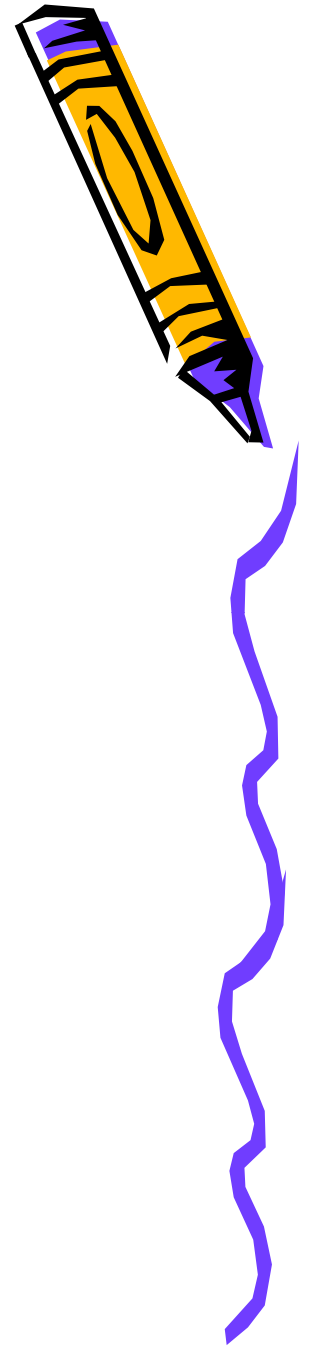


- Schools
  - State test scores report to the school and publicly reported & earns Full Time Equivalent Funds per student enrolled.
    - Subject to state rules "Full Academic Year" and " Subgroup Minimums" which eliminate 90% of AYP determinations
      - » Schools are to follow all Georgia statues governing schools.
      - » 11,000 students served each year in Georgia in about two dozen schools primarily in DeKalb, APS and Gwinnett



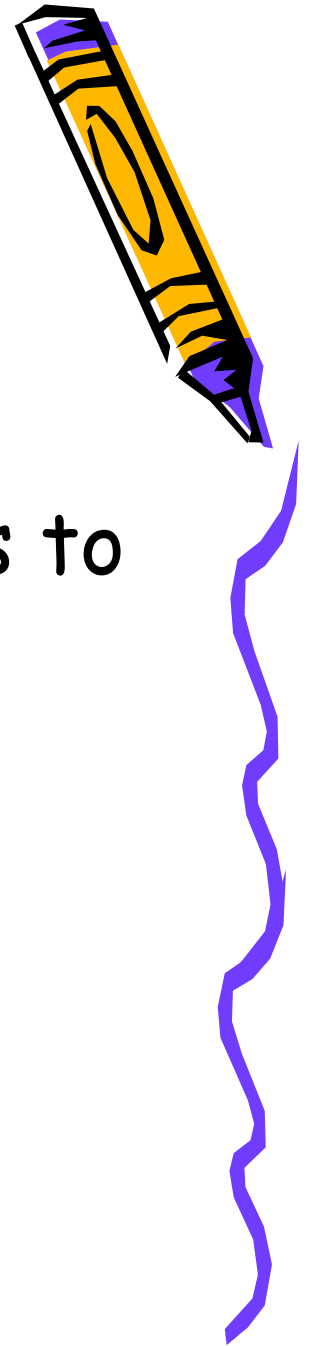
# So do we prefer schools or programs ?

- They both stink.
- They both have loopholes are not held accountable for their performance.
- Few in charge seem to care.
- Even fewer want to discuss it.



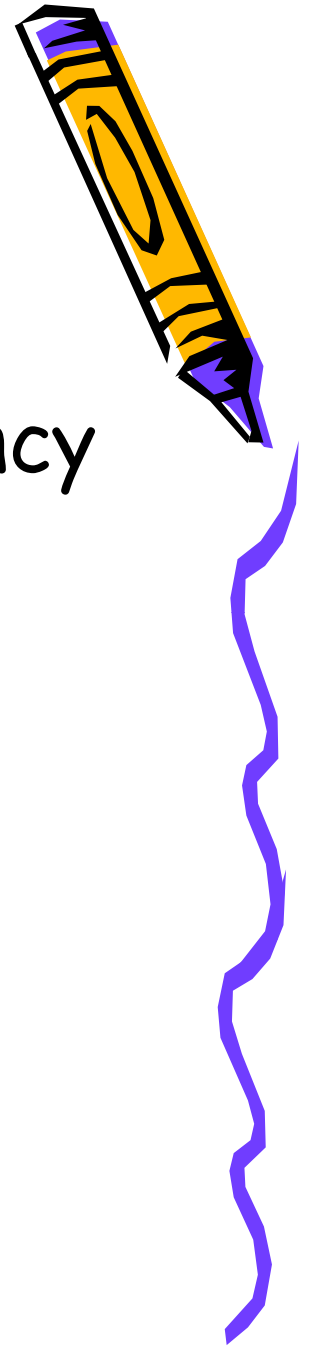
# GDOE

- In April, the GDOE will provide revised alternative education rules to the general public for vetting.
- Looking for meaningful data accountability and transparency in reporting.



# NAACP of Georgia

- Continued pressure for transparency in data, legislative reform, public reporting



# Georgia Appleseed

- Keeping Kids In Class Research Project

