

School system lists 270 incidents leading to disciplinary actions during the previous school year

Schools used new alternative settings in 183 incidents

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BUTLER, GILBERTOWN – A total of 270 incidents led to disciplinary actions at local public school during the 2018-19 school year, and the majority of those incidents led to students being assigned to alternative school.

The Choctaw County Board of Education made the annual list of disciplinary actions available through their website in December, as required by state law, with local schools reporting disciplinary actions taken from July 1, 2018 to June 14, 2019. The 270 incidents reported by the schools led to 183 uses of the newly-reestablished alternative school settings. Another 120 incidents led to corporal punishment, while 18 incidents led to out-of-school suspensions, and three led to in-school suspensions.

Choctaw County Elementary School listed a total of 107 incidents that led to disciplinary actions during the school year. The majority of those incidents resulted in corporal punishment. The school listed 83 such punishments overall during the year, along with nine out-of-school suspensions and 16 uses of alternative school.

The majority of disciplinary actions, 38, at CCES were listed as ‘other incidents’. Corporal punishment was used in 34 of those incidents, while there were also three alternative school decisions and one out-of-school suspension. There were 18 incidents listed as ‘disruptive’ behavior. All 18 of those incidents resulted in paddlings. CCES listed 14 incidents termed ‘disobedience’, leading to 13 paddlings and one use of alternative school. The school listed 12 incidents involving fighting, and all of those students were sent to alternative schools, 10 uses of profanity/vulgarity, with nine paddlings and one out-of-school suspension, and nine incidents listed as ‘defiance’, with corporal punishment used in nine cases.

At Choctaw County High School, the



SCHOOL	INCIDENTS	OSS	ALT. SCH.	ALT.SET.	EXPELLED	CORPORAL.	ISS
CCES	107	9	16	0	0	83	0
CCHS	76	2	84	1	0	28	0
SCES	38	2	30	0	0	3	3
SCHS	49	5	53	0	0	6	0

re-report listed 76 total incidents, leading to 28 paddlings, 84 uses of alternative school, two out-of-school suspensions, and one use of an alternative setting. (NOTE: Reported incidents may involve multiple students).

According to the report, 14 of the 76 incidents listed by CCHS involved ‘defiance’, with corporal punishment used 13 times, along with 10 uses of alternative school. The school reported nine incidents termed ‘disobedience’, leading to nine alternative school decisions, five paddlings,

and one use of out-of-school suspension. There were incidents of fighting during the school year, resulting in 19 students sent to alternative school.

Among other infractions, the school listed two assaults, leading to one out-of-school suspension and one alternative school option. There were also two incidents listed as ‘criminal mischief’ and both led to alternative school.

The school also listed one bomb threat, which led to alternative school, and two in-

cidents labeled ‘sexual harassment’, with both leading to alternative school. There were also three incidents involving the possession of weapons, and all of those students were sent to alternative school.

Southern Choctaw Elementary School reported 38 incidents requiring disciplinary actions during the school year, with 30 of those incidents leading to alternative school, two out-of-school suspensions, three uses of corporal punishment, and three in-school suspensions.

Among the infractions listed at SCES, there were 32 incidents involving fighting, leading to 28 alternative school options, two out-of-school suspensions, and two in-school suspensions.

The school listed three incidents of ‘disruptive’ behavior, leading to one alternative school setting, one paddling, and one in-school suspension. There was also one incident of ‘assault’ with the student sent to alternative school, one incident of ‘disorderly conduct’, leading to corporal punishment, and one issue of ‘disobedience’, which also led to the use of corporal punishment.

A total of 49 incidents were listed by Southern Choctaw High School, involving 53 students sent to alternative school, five out-of-school suspensions, and six uses of corporal punishment.

Among the incidents, there were nine labeled ‘defiance’, leading to eight sent to alternative school and one paddling. There were also eight incidents involving fighting, and nine students were sent to alternative school because of it, while three received out-of-school suspension. The school also reported two drug possessions, and both were given out-of-school suspension, one incident of harassment, which led to alternative school, and one theft, which led to two alternative school decisions and four uses of corporal punishment. SCHS also listed five tobacco possessions, with 8 sent to alternative school.

Nine incidents at SCHS involved ‘defiance’, with 8 alternative school options and one paddling, five were listed as ‘disruptive’ behavior, with 10 sent to alternative school, and six incidents involved the use of profanity/vulgarity, with four uses of corporal punishment and two alternative school options.

Detailed reports for all four schools can be viewed at www.choctawal.org.



Good luck, Kathryn

BUTLER -- The Choctaw County Distinguished Young Women’s committee along with friends of our local program hosted a Good Luck reception for Choctaw County’s 2020 DYW Kathryn Wigley on Sunday, January 5th, at First United Methodist Church in Butler. Members of the committee in attendance at the reception included, left to right: Sharon Shepherd, Leigha Cox, DYW Kathryn Wigley, Chasity Beard and daughter Charlotte, and Carol Jean Beard. Kathryn will leave for the state program this Friday. The program will be held in Montgomery on January 17th and 18th. (Submitted photo)

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