

State of Division / Department Report

Division:	Superintendent's Office
Department:	Court Liaison
Department Head:	Darriel White

Staffing (08/09): General Revenue (Number)

Total Department:	<u> *2 </u>
Admin	<u> 1 </u>
Prof / Tech	<u> </u>
Instructional	<u> </u>
ESP	<u> 1 </u>

***1 High School Student (temporary – 20 hours per week)**

Budget Summary (without personnel) (08/09):

General Revenue Budget:	included in 4001 Cost Center budget
Federal Project Budget (specify)	_____
State Project Budget (specify)	_____

Department Summary:

1. Scope of Operations

- a) Conduct due process hearings on students at the request of the principals. Conducted 156 (124 expelled) hearings during 07-08 school year, conducted to date 77 hearings (61 expelled) 08-09 school year.
- b) Collect arrest reports DAILY from law enforcement (approximately 1200-1500) a year. Florida Statute requires 48-hour turnaround of notification to principal of students' arrest, charges, etc.
- c) Collect DAILY adjudication orders from the Court. Florida Statute requires notification to schools of certain requirements of the student by the Judge.

2. Recent Efficiency / Cost Reduction Initiatives (08/09)

Scheduling hearings closer geographically in order to reduce local travel expenses.

3. Successes (last 4 years – 2004 – 2008)

Actual number of expulsions has been reduced.

- School year 2004-05 – 151 students expelled
- School year 2005-06 – 192 students expelled
- School year 2006-07 – 165 students expelled

This reduction has occurred due to the efforts of school administration, deans, guidance counselors, teachers, etc.

4. Department Short Term Goals (to be accomplished by the end of 2008 – 2009)

Continue to work to reduce number of formal due process hearings.

5. Department Long Range Goals (specify time line)

Increase number of hearing officers during 2008-09 school year.

Improve efficiency of department overall.

6. Major Challenges for Department

The ever present possibility that the number of expulsion recommendations will increase.

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