



Reasons We Need Police-Free Schools

1 Police presence in Black schools started in the 1930s and increased after the civil rights movement. Black youth protested for more resources, but instead **were met with police in militarized gear.**

2 "Police in schools create the bridge from the school to the prison pipeline. That's an experience that no child should have."
- Raven, 18 years old.
When police are in our schools, **students of color are more likely to be arrested and experience violence.**

3 Black youth are not criminals. The actions of Black youth that police respond to are acts of survival, expressions of adolescent behavior or **responses to trauma.**

4 Policing our youth is ineffective, expensive and takes away from essential resources our youth need to live and thrive. The dollars city leaders direct to more policing could be used **instead to invest in our communities.**

100% of arrests made in DC schools are of students of color!



"What if police were wandering around your job showing you their guns? Would that make you feel safe?"

— ITEFAYO, YOUTH IN POLICE-FREE SCHOOLS DC



There are **THREE TIMES LESS** counselors than officers in DC schools.



And nearly **33%** of arrests made in schools are of Disabled children!

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