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The information in the following tables is provided by the Education and Library Boards.

Pupils¹ suspended in the 2008/09 school year broken down by Key Stage²

	Number of pupils suspended	% of all pupils suspended
Key Stage 1 (Years 1 to 4)	38	0.04%
Key Stage 2 (Years 5 to 7)	174	0.25%
Key Stage 3 (Years 8 to 10)	2,374	3.27%
Key Stage 4 (Years 11 to 12)	2,172	4.38%
North of Ireland Total	4,758	1.70%

Pupils¹ suspended in the 2008/09 school year broken down by gender

	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
Number of pupils	3,624	1,134	4,758
% of total school population	1.29%	0.40%	1.70%

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Pupils¹ suspended in the 2008/09 school year broken down by school and management type³

		School Management Type			
		Controlled	Catholic Maintained	Other types	Total in North
Number of pupils suspended in	Primary Schools	104	76	16	196
	Secondary Schools	1,682	1,627	627	3,936
	Grammar Schools	82	-	458	540
	Special Schools	86	-	-	86
	Other Establishments	-	-	-	-
	All Schools	1,954	1,703	1,101	4,758

Pupils¹ suspended in the 2008/09 school year broken down by frequency of suspension and ethnicity

		Ethnicity			
	Number of times suspended	White	Minority Ethnic Background ⁴	Total in North	% of total school population
Number of pupils suspended:	Once	3,151	56	3,207	1.14%
	Twice	808	7	815	0.29%
	Three or more times	725	11	736	0.26%
	Total	4,684	74	4,758	1.70%

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Pupils¹ suspended in the 2008/09 school year broken down by Education and Library Board

Education and Library Board	Number of pupils suspended
Belfast	888
Western	890
North Eastern	1,067
South Eastern	1,016
Southern	897
North of Ireland Total	4,758

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Reasons for pupil suspensions in the 2008/09 school year broken down by gender

Reason for suspension	Number of occasions			% of suspensions
	Male	Female	Total ⁵	
Verbal abuse of staff	1,503	350	1,853	23.1%
Persistent infringement of school rules	1,579	669	2,248	28.0%
Physical attack on pupil	1,311	304	1,615	20.1%
Disruptive behaviour in class	658	211	869	10.8%
Significant damage to, or misuse of, property	277	52	329	4.1%
Bullying of a pupil	237	49	286	3.6%
Physical attack on staff	242	23	265	3.3%
Substance abuse	117	24	141	1.8%
Stealing	125	45	170	2.1%
Verbal abuse of pupil	130	43	173	2.2%
Alcohol abuse	35	45	80	1.0%
North of Ireland Total	6,214	1,815	8,029	100.0%

NOTES:

1. These figures relate to all pupils undertaking Key Stage 1-4 in primary, post-primary and special schools.
2. For special school pupils, curriculum year is used as a proxy for Key Stage.
3. School management types have been amalgamated into three groups. The 'other types' group includes grant maintained and controlled integrated schools, voluntary grammar schools and other maintained schools. Data for independent schools is not available.
4. The 'minority ethnic background' classification includes travellers.
5. The information in the 'Total' column reflects the number of individual suspensions, as opposed to the number of pupils suspended. The overall total is higher than that in the other tables because some of the pupils have been suspended more than once.