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

Pupils[1] suspended in the 2008/09 school year broken down by Key Stage[2]

	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%**

Pupils[1] suspended in the 2008/09 school year broken down by gender

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

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Pupils[1] suspended in the 2008/09 school year broken down by school and management type[3]

		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**

Pupils[1] 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	810	7	817	0.29%
	Three or more times	723	11	734	0.26%
	Total	**4,684**	**74**	**4,758**	**1.70%**

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Pupils[1] 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	1,250	278	1,528	19.0%
Persistent infringement of school rules	1,482	623	2,105	26.2%
Physical attack on pupil	1,259	266	1,525	19.0%
Disruptive behaviour in class	507	209	716	8.9%
Significant damage to, or misuse of, property	277	52	329	4.1%
Bullying of a pupil	238	49	287	3.6%
Physical attack on staff	498	114	612	7.6%
Substance abuse	109	24	133	1.7%
Stealing	126	45	171	2.1%
Verbal abuse of pupil	431	115	546	6.8%
Alcohol abuse	43	45	88	1.1%
North of Ireland Total	**6,220**	**1,820**	**8,040**	**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.