

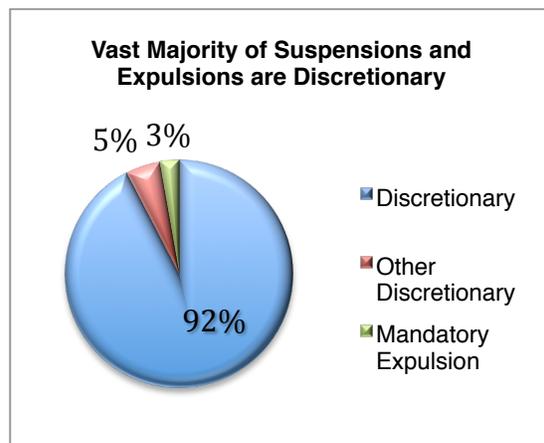
# ConductMonitor™ helps reduce discretionary suspensions and expulsions

Teachers are the most important factor in the education of K-12 students. Therefore, *discretionary* disciplinary actions that remove students from their teachers can have long-term negative effects on academic performance. The term “discretionary” describes suspensions and expulsions that are not mandated by state law. These types of disciplinary actions contribute to higher student drop out rates and increased likelihood of involvement in the juvenile justice system.

According to a six-year study of almost 930,000 seventh through twelfth-grade students in Texas, the Council of State Governments Justice Center and the Public Policy Research Institute at Texas A&M University found that students who were suspended and/or expelled were:

- Disproportionately African-American males;
- More likely to be held back a grade or drop out;
- Three times more likely to be in the juvenile justice system the following year.

More importantly, the study found that 92% of these disciplinary actions were discretionary.



Source: “Breaking Schools Rules: A Statewide Study of How School Discipline Relates to Students’ Success and Juvenile Justice Involvement”, July 2011

## How ConductMonitor helps teachers

Teachers face enormous challenges in the classroom, including the difficult task of managing the behavior of large groups of adolescents. Teachers are not behavior specialists. However, they frequently observe behaviors that, if documented, could aid trained counselors in spotting students that need intervention. ConductMonitor helps teachers in the following ways.

**Gathers critical data.** ConductMonitor allows teachers to efficiently document student behavior and it segregates discretionary behavior from more serious infractions. It maintains standardized disciplinary records across technological and bureaucratic boundaries that separate different grade levels, schools, and districts.

**Saves time.** ConductMonitor lets teachers quickly document student behavior, and it makes that information available to the parent through ConductViewer™ without phone calls, emails, or text messages. It also makes updated behavior reports and statistics available at the teacher’s fingertip.

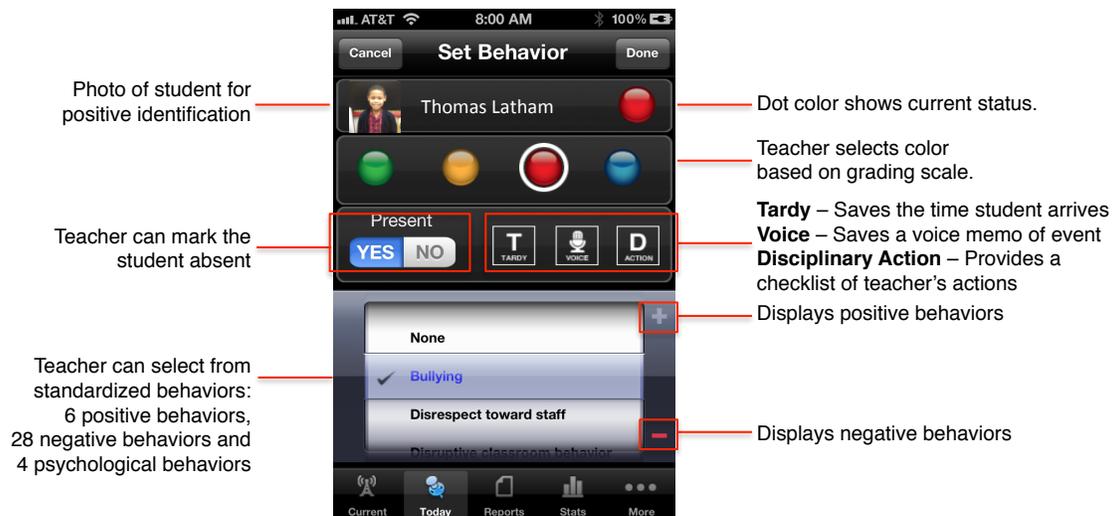
**Improves communication with parents.** The free ConductViewer web informs parents of their child’s behavior and attendance in each class. It also lets parents notify the teacher when they view their child’s behavior.

**Helps reduce unexcused absences.** By notifying parents and school administrators in real time of student absence or tardiness, ConductMonitor enables consistent enforcement of attendance rules, which can decrease unexcused absences.

**Enables intervention.** The real-time data ConductMonitor gathers allows administrators and parents to intervene before student behavior escalates to the point of disciplinary action that results in suspension or expulsion.

## ConductMonitor simplifies behavior data collection

ConductMonitor lets teachers quickly document student attendance and behavior—with one finger—using standardized behavior classifications. When documenting behavior, teachers can choose from a four-color scale that corresponds to the conduct grading scale of the school. ConductMonitor immediately makes this information available to principals through the app or web-based dashboard and to parents through the free ConductViewer web app in English or Spanish. It also creates attendance and behavior reports for each student. This saves teachers a great deal of time because they don't have to write down or remember details about each incident; send emails or text messages to parents; or maintain a paper trail for each student.



This timely information gives parents and the principal opportunities to intervene before behavior results in disciplinary action. In contrast, conventional student information system (SIS) databases are primarily used to document disciplinary referrals or actions resulting from student behavior over a period of time. Also, the school admin may not enter the disciplinary action into the SIS database for some time after a disruption occurs.

ConductMonitor lets the principal and staff (behavior specialists, coaches, discipline committee, etc.) view behavior and attendance data through the Principal Dashboard and mobile app. The app and dashboard allow all stakeholders to conveniently view up-to-date behavior and attendance data without being inundated with emails, phone calls, and text messages.

More importantly, ConductMonitor consolidates behavior information about students that previously was not captured or resided in countless computer systems and file cabinets. It also captures four levels of behavior with Level 1 and 2 classified as minor misbehaviors, not requiring mandatory expulsion.

The Dashboard is optimized for viewing in a web browser on an iPad, Android tablet, and computer. As shown in the following graphic, the Dashboard allows principals to hear the Voice Memo (V) and read the Note (N) from the teacher as well as know if the parent was notified of the behavior incident (P).

**CONDUCTMONITOR™** TASP-Aldine **PRINCIPAL DASHBOARD**

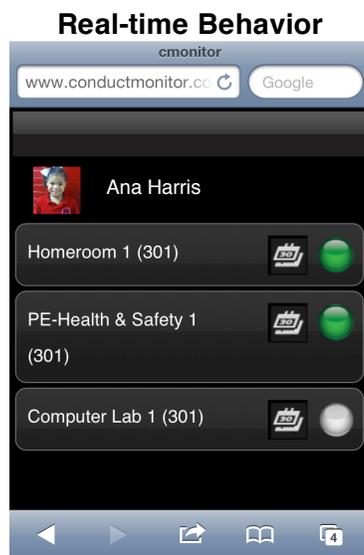
GRADING CYCLES SCHOOL YEAR-TO-DATE GRADE LEVELS **CLASS LIST** WATCH LIST

SEARCH STUDENT

CURRENT		TODAY	2 Science 6 (602) Instructor A		FLAG	CONDUCT	VOICE	NOTE	PARENT	HISTORY
1	CLASS LISTING (as of 01:32 PM)									
1	Career Invest 8 (802)	●	Period 5	1	Allen, Karl	●	V	N	P	H
2	Mathematics 8 (801)	●	Period 5	2	Anderson, Nicole	●	V	N	P	H
3	Other Language Arts 7 (701)	●	Period 5	3	Bell, Tanya	●	V	N	P	H
4	Science 6 (602)	●	Period 5	4	Carpenter, Trey	●	V	N	P	H
5	Tech Appl 6 (601)	●	Period 5	5	Davis, Kaye	●	V	N	P	H
6	W Cul Studies 6 (602)	●	Period 5	6	Edwards, Rocky	●	V	N	P	H

## ConductViewer™ lets parents intervene

ConductViewer (CViewer) is a free web app that lets parents view the real-time behavior of their child in every class. Parents can also view a calendar showing the historical behavior and attendance of their child in each class. When a parent touches a dot in the behavior history calendar, a check mark appears above the dot. A check mark also appears in the teacher's app, notifying them that the parent viewed the behavior. This interaction ensures parent awareness of their child's behavior and can facilitate intervention when necessary. CViewer is also available in Spanish.





## Conclusion

Safe, high-quality schools are the goal of every community. But across the U.S., students are experiencing increased rates of disciplinary referrals for suspension, expulsion, and even arrests for minor misbehaviors that would typically warrant only a trip the guidance counselor. These severe disciplinary actions are mainly the result of “zero tolerance policies” and ... These practices lead to disproportionately high dropout rates and low academic achievement among minority and disabled students, pushing them into what is known as the “School-to-Prison Pipeline.”

### Enable immediate behavior intervention

ConductMonitor can help reduce harsh disciplinary referrals and dismantle the School-to-Prison Pipeline by giving teachers an additional tool to maintain order and hold students accountable for their actions. It lets teachers match minor misbehaviors with appropriate interventions, which can eliminate suspensions, expulsions, and arrests as possible disciplinary actions. *ConductMonitor enables immediate intervention by parents and counselors that can keep kids in school now and improve the climate for learning.*

### Don't wait for annual reports

ConductMonitor goes beyond conventional methods that collect data concerning disciplinary reactions to student misbehavior. ConductMonitor eases the collection of *behavioral* data across geographic and technological boundaries and displays the information in real-time through a central dashboard and mobile app. This means that stakeholders no longer have to wait for annual reports to address disproportionate rates of suspensions and expulsions, which is like measuring the intensity of a storm from its aftermath.

### Discover root causes of low student engagement

ConductMonitor helps teachers document previously uncollected behavior data that can assist behavior specialists (psychologists, nurses, and counselors) in determining the root causes of low student engagement. This detailed and standardized behavior data is complemented by information about attendance and tardiness in every class. Conventional attendance data is based on a once per day snapshot that only indicates whether a student was on the campus at a certain time.

### No equipment to buy

ConductMonitor runs on mobile devices and computers that teachers and schools already own, so there is no need to buy servers and other equipment to get started. The ConductMonitor mobile app can be downloaded in seconds from the [Apple App Store](#) and [Google Play Store](#). There is no need to install any software on computers, the central dashboard is immediately available through your favorite web browser via a secure web link. All communication through ConductMonitor is encrypted.

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