

Infraction Statistics Show Improvement

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Suspensions and expulsions are issued when an individual poses a threat to their fellow students or members of AHS faculty.

The majority of these incidents were related to physical altercations or the threat of injury. Drug related offenses made up a third of the incidents.

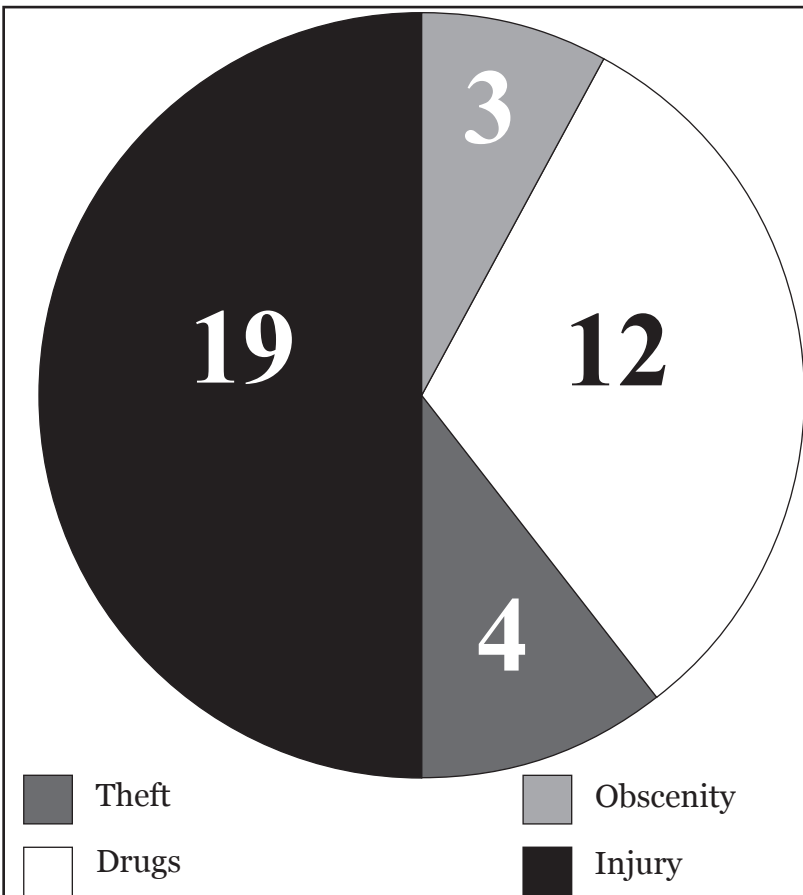
Other violations involved stolen or damaged property, obscene acts and habitual profanity. The students suspended were overwhelmingly male;

out of 37 suspensions, only three were female. The expulsions consisted of four female and five male students.

Ultimately, the statistics are indicative of a positive trend at AHS. Relative to last year, both suspensions and expulsions have decreased markedly.

“Suspensions and expulsions have decreased compared to last year,” said Assistant Principal of Student Services Phuong Nguyen. “Cooperation between staff and students has made the campus a better environment.”

In a Nutshell...
- suspensions and expulsions have decreased from previous years
- students were suspended in incidents involving drug use, injuries, or theft

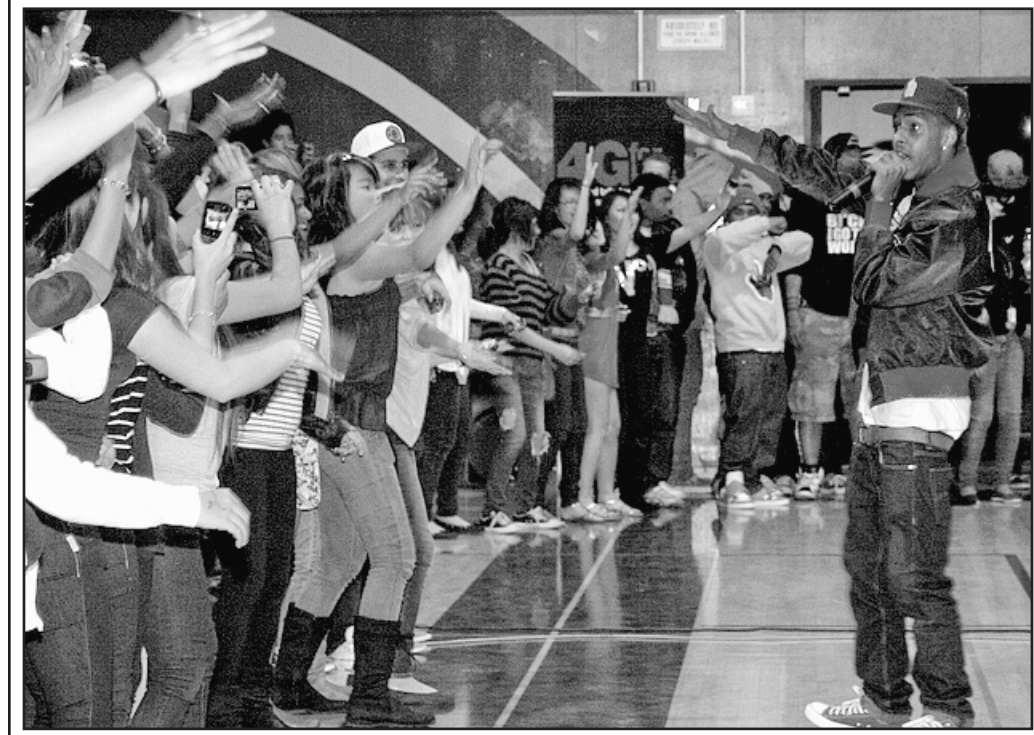


Infractions From August 31 - November 5

Expulsions
Number of students: **9**
4 female, 5 male

Suspensions
Number of students: **37**
Number of incidents: **39**
3 female, 34 male

- 19 incidents of physical altercations or threatening to cause harm
- 12 drug related incidents
- 4 involving stolen or damaged school or private property
- 3 involving obscene acts or habitual profanity



MOOR photo by KATHRYN CHU
NEW BOYZ MAKE NOISE *New Boyz performs during halftime at the annual POWER 106 basketball game. The teams comprised of selected AHS staff and students versus the POWER 106 All-Stars Team.*

‘By My Side’ at Buddy Dinner

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Buddy Dinner was first established in 1999. After 12 years, the dance is still a tradition for students of Alhambra High. Boys’ Federation, whose aim is to create memories via dinner and dancing, hosts Buddy Dinner annually.

This year’s theme, “By My Side,” was inspired by YouTube star David Choi’s hit single. The chosen colors to set the theme were satin silver, champagne and teal. Boys’ Federation chose the San Marino Center as the location of the event.

The San Marino Center is large enough to accommodate up to 700 people. The large banquet room featured a stage area and could be divided into

two rooms. It also included a meeting room, called the Fireside room, that could hold up to 50 people. The San Marino Center was used three years ago for Buddy Dinner. It was previously known as the San Marino Womens’ Club.

“When we first planned it three years ago, it felt rushed. The location had so much potential to work as a canvas to create amazing experiences, so we put a little more effort into it this year in order to do so,” said president Joseph Ly.

In the absence of Winterball, many students looked forward to finally having a dance to attend.

“It’s not as special as Winterball because Buddy Dinner is less formal, but either way a dance is a dance,” said senior

Albert Kongsomboonvech.

Buddy Dinner was not only fun but also an unforgettable experience as well.

“We’ve always had a good time, with good food and memories. That’s what a dance is supposed to do—create memorable moments,” said senior vice president Mille Szeto.

Traditionally, Buddy Dinner includes dinner, DJs, dancing and professionally done photographs. This year, Boys’ Fed added an area for party-goers to relax.

“We played up Buddy Dinner by designating an area aside from dining and dancing, where students can relax and just hang out,” said Ly. “It was all about creating a contemporary, modern atmosphere.”

Need Homework Help?

Seek an AFE Tutor

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Over a decade ago, the Academy of Future Educators (AFE) was founded by a group of teachers who wanted to create an organization to train students to become responsible mentors.

Since then, AFE has become known for its tutors and educators who help students both on and off campus. AFE tutors can be recognized by their light blue sweaters imprinted with their owl mascot.

The club’s existence at AHS was a result of a grant of over \$100,000. The founders wanted to create an academy to train students to become leaders and to prepare students for various career choices.

Members of the academy are required to attend the AFE class every Thursday, commit to tutor four or more hours per week and maintain a minimum GPA of 3.00.

The mission statement of AFE is to “prepare California students for

teaching careers to meet the global needs of the third millennium.”

“AFE helps students who want to know more about teaching or want to seek a career in the education field,” said sophomore AFE tutor Tammy Cassiopeia. “We [can] either help as a teacher assistant on campus in classrooms and Crossroads tutoring or volunteer as tutors at elementary schools and libraries.”

By being required to tutor at least four hours a week, the tutors learn from their experiences and strive to improve each time.

“We tutor students who need help in classes such as SEI and math intervention,” said junior AFE member Linda Lam.

AFE tutors also help with Crossroads, an afterschool tutoring program. It meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 3 to 4 p.m. in D-101 or D-103, to aid those who need assistance in a variety of subjects, including Mathematics, World History, Biology, Physics and English.



MOOR photo by JOYCE TSUI
STAND AND DELIVER *AFE members consult with their fellow tutors about plans for their next tutoring session.*

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Mark Your Calendar February

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Nankai High School Visit
Red Cross Blood Drive

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Minimum Day

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Lincoln’s Birthday
Valentine’s Day
No School

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Pep Assembly

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Presidents’ Day
No School