Reparations Toolkit School Discipline

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1. Overview of the Reparations Toolkit

- This Toolkit was developed by *Reparations for Melrose*, a group working to end anti-Black systemic racism. https://reparationsformelrose.org/
- We are documenting racial harm with the goal of paving the way for reparations.
- This toolkit was developed to help municipalities throughout Massachusetts document racial harm in their own communities.
- You can find examples of our work on our website.
- If you have questions, suggestions, or toolkit corrections please email us at reparationsformelrose@gmail.com.

2. What can we learn from these data?

- Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)
 data can be used to document racial inequities in exclusionary school
 discipline, which is discipline that takes students out of the classroom.
- The most common type of exclusionary school discipline is suspension.
- Research shows that suspending students for non-violent offenses is ineffective and harmful, especially for Black youth and other youth of color.
- The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (MA DESE) has advised against such use of discipline since at least 2016.

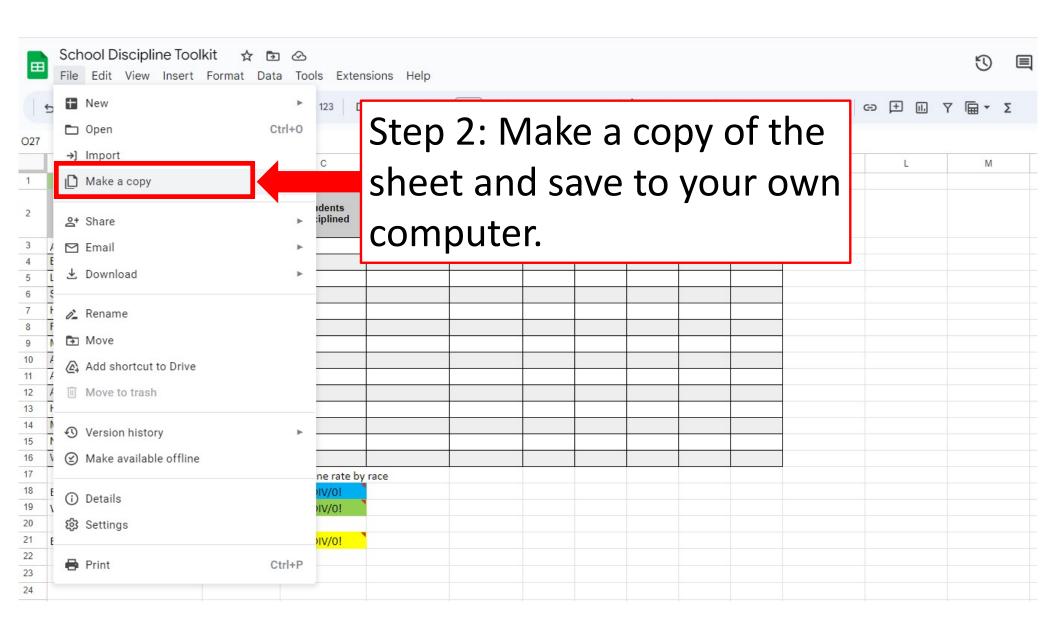
3. Video tutorial on using the data

• Click here for the video tutorial: https://youtu.be/TyEBZhrlUHk

4. Step-by-step instructions on using the data

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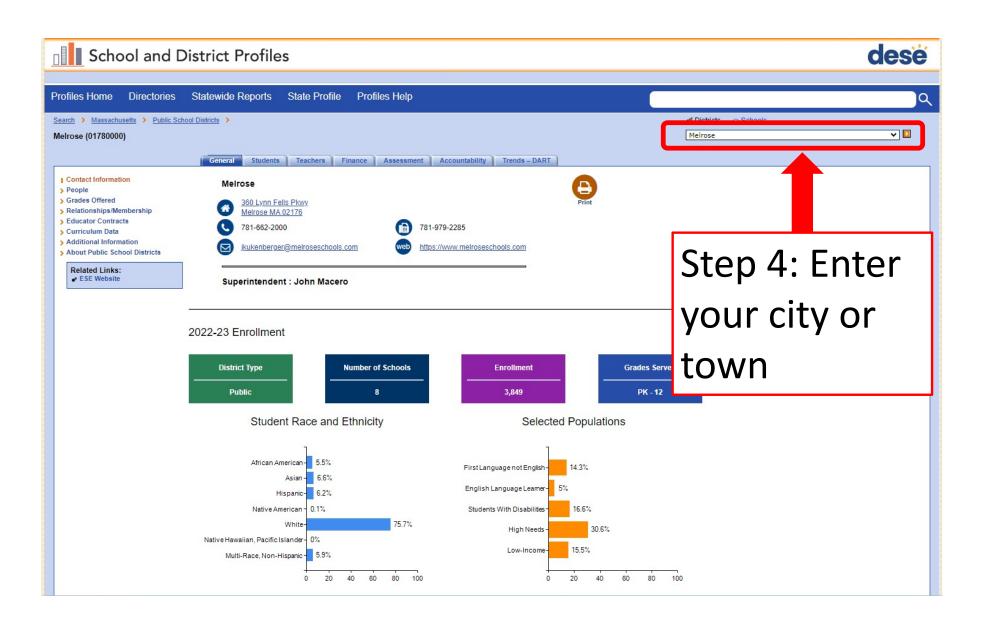
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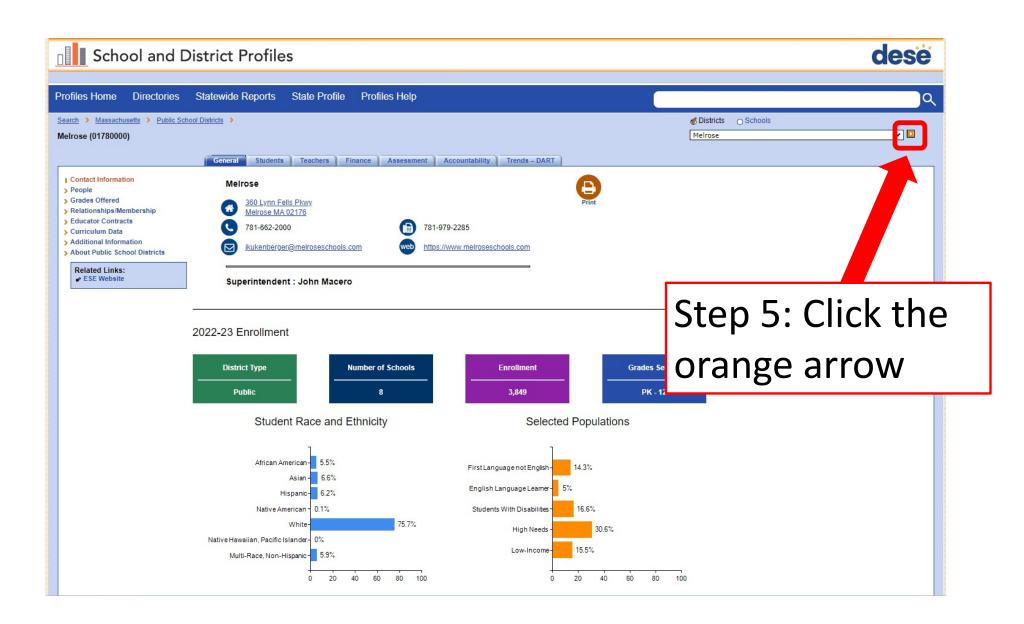


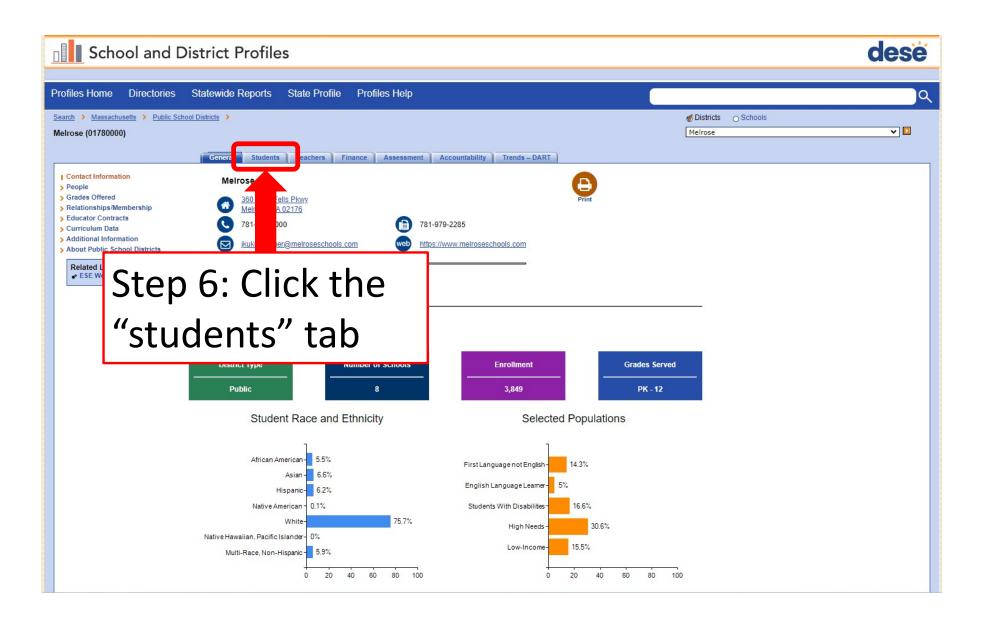
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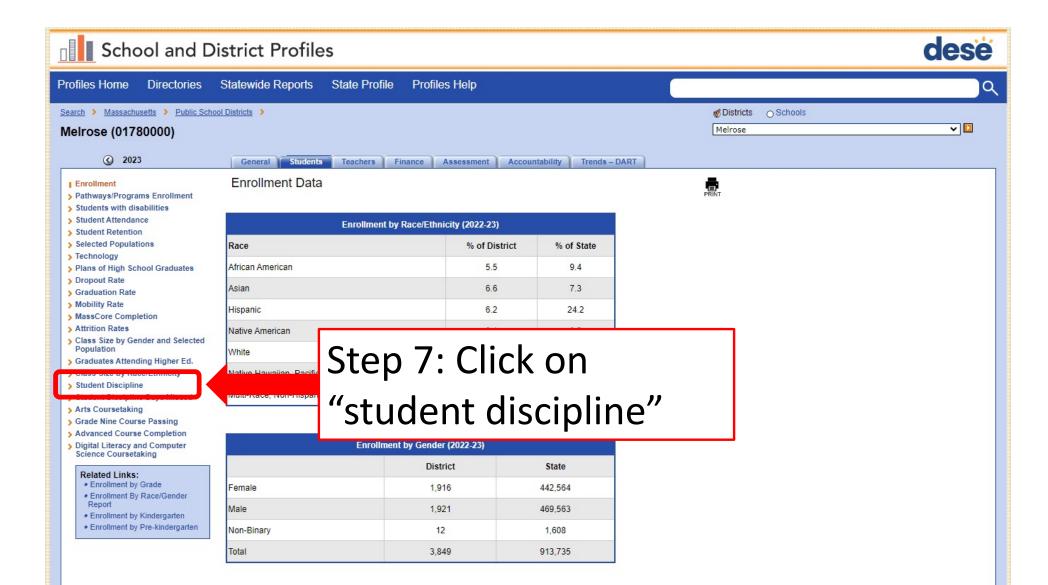
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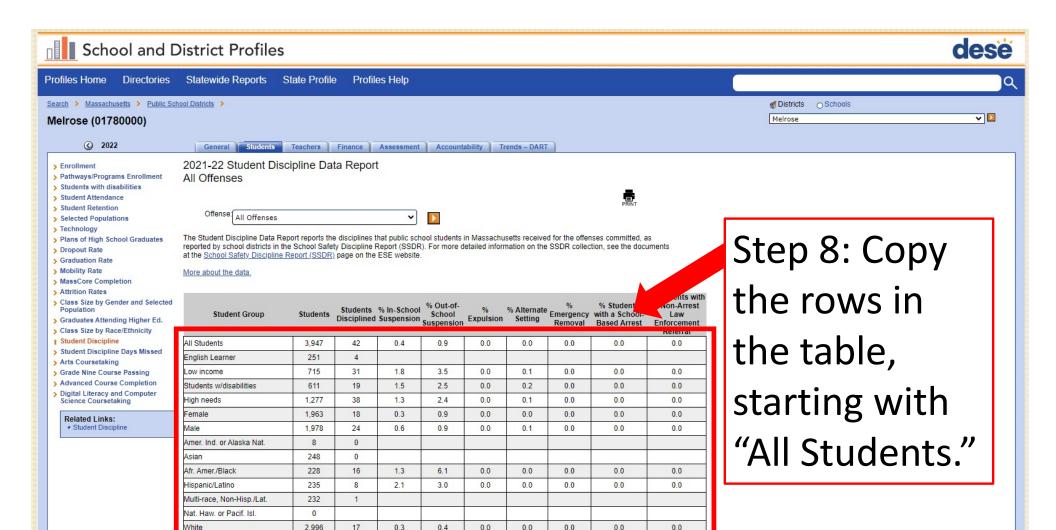
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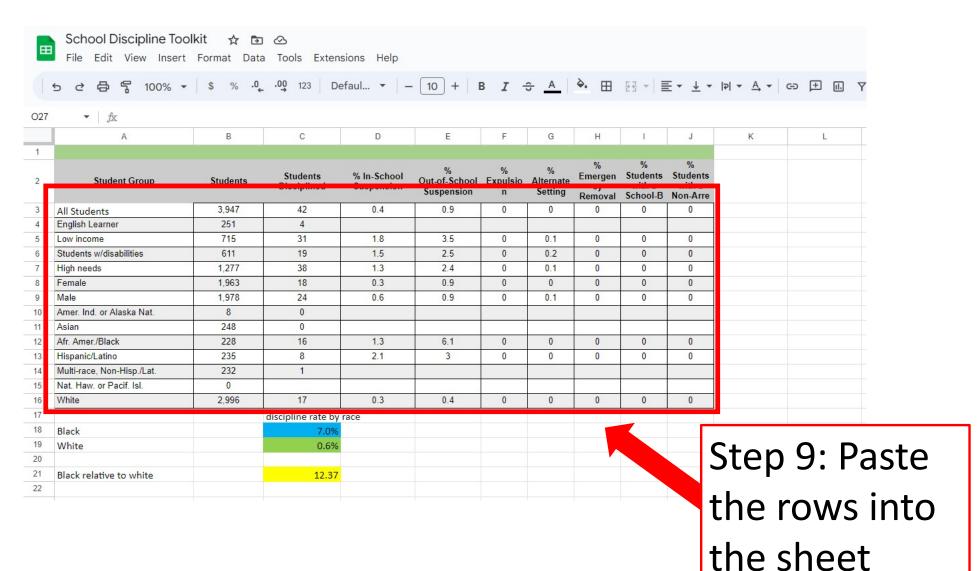


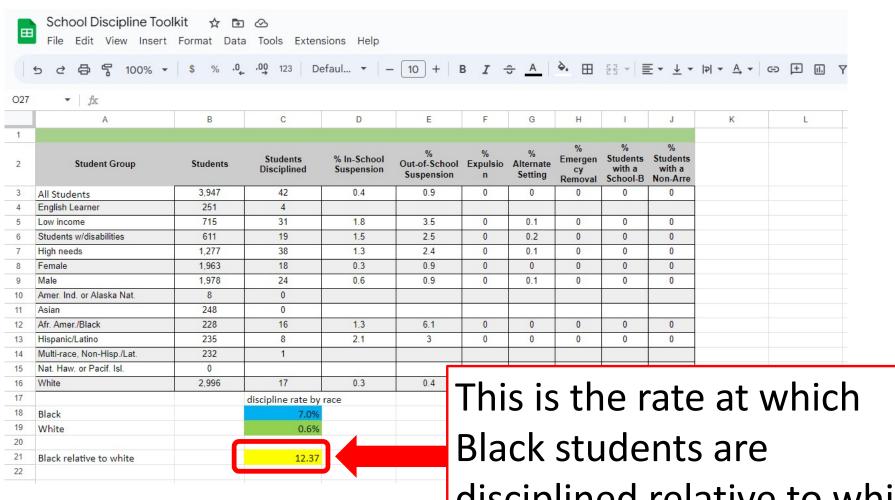






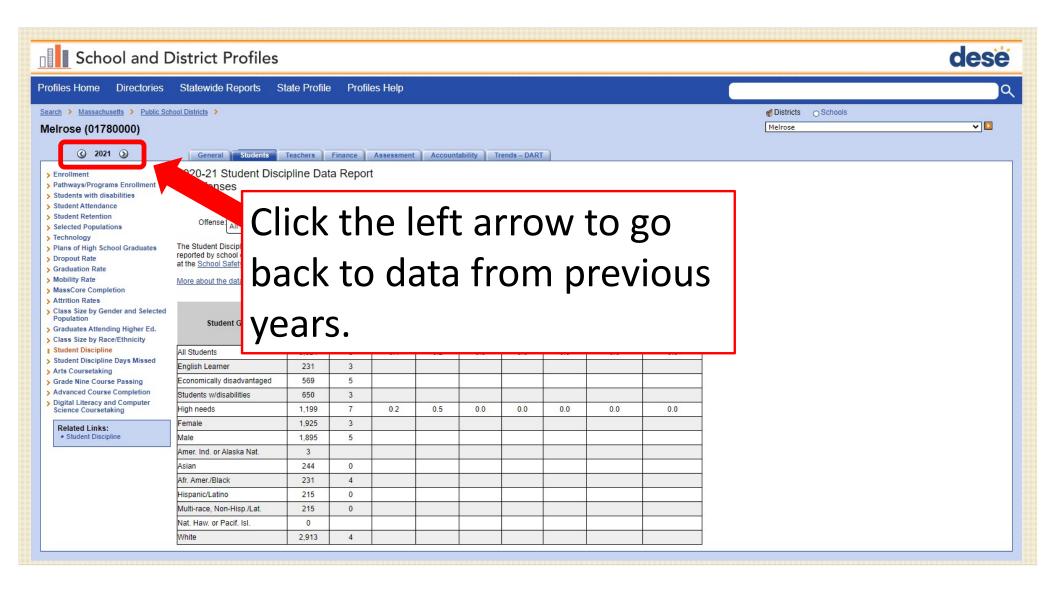






disciplined relative to white students in your city

How to find data from previous years.



Before you share your findings

- ✓ Check that you selected the intended city or town.
- ✓ Check that copied data for the intended year.
- ✓ Check that you pasted the data into the sheet accurately (spot check a couple of cells).
- ✓ Have someone else check your work.

Congratulations! You are ready to share your findings!

If you have questions, suggestions, corrections, or want to share your findings, please contact:

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