“PROMOTIVE AND INHIBITIVE OUTCOMES AMONG BLACK GIRLS IN CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS: A CIVIL RIGHTS DATA COLLECTION EXPLORATORY STUDY”

Black girls are often disproportionately disciplined and underexposed to academic opportunities (e.g., gifted education) that support their holistic well-being. Using the Civil Rights Data Collection, we examine proportionality and disproportionality in promotive and inhibitive outcomes among Black girls in schools and districts throughout California. Through preliminary exploratory analyses, we consider outcomes among Black girls covered under IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act), and examine disparities based on school district-level socioeconomics. We discuss implications for policy and practice, and the importance of equity research in California at the intersection of race, gender, ability status, and socioeconomics.

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