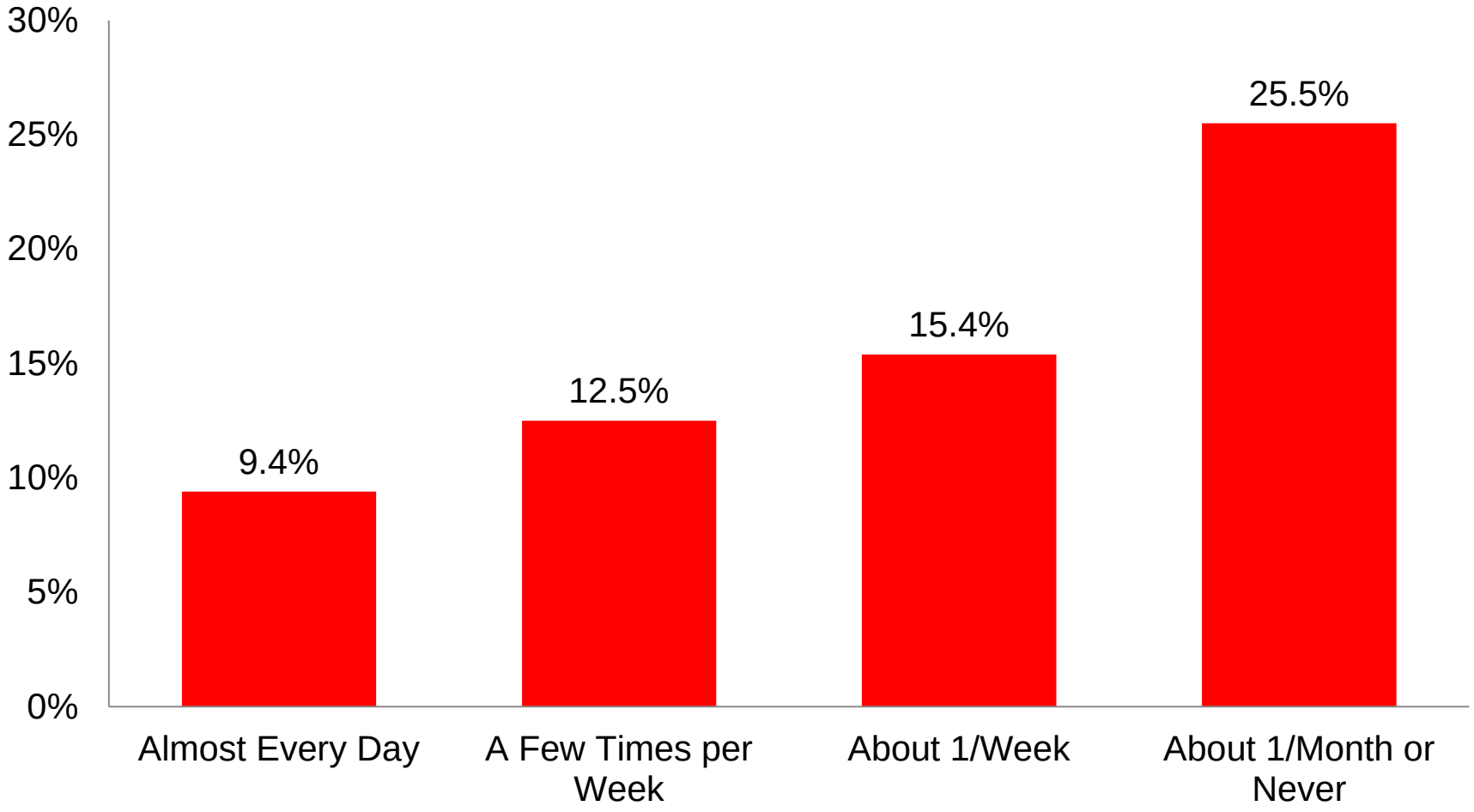
Walter Gilliam

Three- and four-year-old children were being expelled at three times the national rate for K-12 students.

And 4.5 times more boys were being expelled than girls.

Dramatic Play Frequency & Rate of Expulsion



HighScope
Preschool Curriculum Comparison Study

	Play-based	vs Instructional
Needed special education	6%	47%
Arrested for felonies	9%	34%
Suspended from work	0%	27%
Married & living with spouse	31%	0%
Volunteer work	43%	11%

German Study

At age 10 the children from the play-based kindergartens were more

- advanced in reading and mathematics
- better adjusted socially and emotionally in school
- advanced in creativity and intelligence, oral expression, and “industry”

Common Core Kindergarten literacy standards

Read emergent-reader texts with purpose and understanding.

Recognize and name all upper- and lowercase letters of the alphabet.

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