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**Theory:**

**Student Behavior is worse During a Full Moon.**

 We’ve all heard this claim. But is it true? As it turns out, yes. Using the last five months of data, to which is all I had access on short notice, I’ve deduced that student behavior is in fact worse during full moons than it is the rest of the month.

 The amount of discipline referrals written on the day of a full moon and the days surrounding it will always be greater than the average number of referrals for any day in that month.

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| **School Month** | **Total Referrals Per Month** | **Instructional Days Per Month** | **Average Referrals Per Day** | **Average Referrals on the school Days surrounding a Full Moon.** |
| September 2011 | 800 | 21 | 38 | 44 |
| October 2011 | 1004 | 19 | 53 | 56 |
| November 2011 | 666 | 18 | 37 | 39 |
| December 2011 | 585 | 15 | 39 | 41 |
| January 2012 | 457 | 15 | 30 | 30 |