



USD 497 NEWS

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Lawrence High Administration, Police Investigate Weapon on Campus

The Lawrence High Administration is working with the Lawrence Police Department to investigate the discovery this morning of a firearm in a student's book bag. There was no incident with the gun and no threat to student or staff safety. Acting on a tip that a student may have a gun at school, the LHS administration worked with school resource officers to conduct a search and confiscate the weapon.

Lawrence Board of Education policy clearly identifies strict consequences for any student found with a weapon on school grounds, namely, expulsion for not less than one calendar year. In accordance with Board Policy, disciplinary action has been taken and the student's parents have been notified.

All students and staff are safe and have been notified of the investigation. The district also has informed LHS parents.

Superintendent Anthony Lewis is calling on school families and the greater Lawrence community to open a dialog about this public safety issue.

“This is the second student found to be in possession of a gun at school in less than a week's time. While I appreciate the quick action of our school administrators, the support of local law enforcement, and the individuals who made us aware of both of these issues so they could be resolved safely, we need the community's help.

Let's come together for a serious discussion of how to address what has the potential to be a dangerous problem for our community,” said Lewis.

Dr. Lewis plans to work with the board of education, district and school administration, teachers, and staff; students, parents, and community partners to schedule a discussion about public safety.

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