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Police arrest RSS student with gun on campus

Baytown Police arrested an 18-year-old Sterling High School student after he was found with a loaded gun at school Wednesday afternoon.

Just after 2 p.m., Sterling High School administrators received a Crime Stoppers tip that a student was in possession of a weapon on campus. School administrators quickly notified school security officers and the Baytown Police Department.

A handoun was found in the student's back pocket, and he was placed under arrest. He has been transported to the Baytown jail.

"The primary thing is we recovered a gun, there was no incident involved, and we have no information that there was any threat to any students or staff," said Goose Creek CISD Superintendent Dr. Toby York.

"This is a good example of why we have Crime Stoppers at our schools," York said. "Kudos to Sterling's staff, our security officers, and the Baytown police for acting quickly to keep the entire student body and staff safe."

Goose Creek CISD policy strictly states that any student who brings a weapon onto school grounds will be recommended for expulsion.

York said the district's No. 1 priority is ensuring the safety of students and staff.

"We must continue our mission to provide a safe and secure climate for our students. We ask that parents take this opportunity to discuss the importance of reporting suspicious activity to a trusted adult in their school," York said.

Because the arrest occurred shortly before school dismissal, the school district was unable to prepare letters to send home with students on Wednesday. Parents will receive letters about the incident on Thursday.

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