

## Redmond High Student to face Menacing, Weapon Charges for Gun Replica

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Early Friday afternoon, Redmond High officials were informed that a male student allegedly was in possession of a firearm while on campus. The student was immediately identified and administrators and Redmond police removed him from class. The student was cooperative and complied with all requests. School administrators and resource officers conducted a search of the student's vehicle and an air soft pistol (silver gun replica) was found.

The student admitted that the gun was his and that he had flashed it to other students at lunch on October 6, said a news release issued by Redmond School District 2J. His parents and the authorities were contacted.

According to the release, he may face charges of menacing, possession of a firearm, and possession of a firearm on public property. Under school and district policy, the student has been suspended pending an expulsion hearing.

Although no incident occurred, the Redmond School District has a "zero-tolerance" philosophy regarding any type of weapon in or around the school grounds or facilities, with the exception of law enforcement personnel. This also includes "look-alikes" or any inappropriate items that endanger the safety and well being of student or staff, or the effective operation of the schools. Students who promote or become involved in such activities can expect to be held accountable and disciplined for their actions. Disciplinary action will include arrest, suspension, and/or expulsion.

"This was an unfortunate incident, but school safety must be our number one priority," said Superintendent Vickie Fleming.

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