

Urbandale Community School District Statement Urbandale High School Student Situation

Around 11:30 p.m. on January 19, 2017, an Urbandale High School student was arrested for posting two photos on Snapchat: one of a gun and one of ammunition. The photos included a caption that stated, "All the math teachers bouta catch som hot lead for failing us on that quiz.." Urbandale Police Officers investigated the threat by going to the student's home. The student admitted to posting the photos. The gun in the photo was an airsoft gun that looked real but was not real, and the photo of the ammunition was sent to him by a friend. The student did not have a real gun or ammunition in the house or any access to such harmful items. The student was arrested and released to his parents.

The Urbandale Community School District informed all families and staff via email this morning, January 20, 2017. As a school district we are not authorized to publicly share disciplinary information as that information is confidential; however, we can share that appropriate disciplinary actions per Board Policy, and in alignment with legal counsel recommendations, are being taken. We are working closely with our math teachers to ensure they feel supported and additional support will be provided as needed. All UHS educators are taking great care in responding to student concerns. We are working closely with law enforcement, the UHS student, and his family to complete the investigation and resolve the situation. Our close partnership with law enforcement continues to support our top priorities of maintaining the safety, security, and well-being of our students and staff.