



MEDIA ADVISORY

The Washington Elementary School District is committed to achieving excellence for every child, every day, every opportunity.

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WESD STATEMENT ON INCIDENT AT ORANGEWOOD SCHOOL

GLENDAL, Ariz. – On Wednesday, November 19, Orangewood administration was made aware of an unauthorized male on campus. They immediately called 911 and placed the school on lockdown from 12:20 to 1:45 p.m. Upon investigation, it was determined that the individual gained access behind a student who was buzzed in through the main entrance. He was on campus for approximately 10 minutes and during that time, he made inappropriate contact with a student. Orangewood and WESD administrators have been working closely with the Phoenix Police throughout the investigation and last night they informed the District that an arrest had been made. The Phoenix Police can provide additional information about the matter.

The school and district understand how concerning situations like this can be. An Orangewood employee has been placed on administrative leave while the District continues its investigation. The school administrator will be working closely with staff and District Security to review safety procedures to ensure they are doing everything possible to keep Orangewood a safe place for students and staff. Additionally, District Security will be on campus for the remainder of the week.

School and District administrators truly appreciate the Phoenix Police Department's quick response to the matter. We are beyond grateful for their help and support and we are thankful they were able to apprehend this individual so quickly. The school and district are working closely with the child and the child's family to provide any and all resources and support that they might need.

About Washington Elementary School District

Washington Elementary School District (WESD) is proud to serve a diverse population in north central Phoenix and east Glendale. The largest elementary school district in Arizona, WESD is comprised of 33 schools (19 K-6 schools, one K-5 school, seven K-8 schools, five middle/junior high schools and one online 7/8 school). For more information, visit wesdschools.org, and follow us @wesdschools on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.

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