



Guns found at Hazelwood school Thursday

HAZELWOOD, Mo. (KMOV.com) – Two guns were found on school property in Hazelwood Thursday.

Police said two male students ages 17 and 18 had guns in their backpacks at Hazelwood East High School Thursday morning. The students were detained in the principal's office before police arrived. Both students were then arrested after the guns were found, police said.

The 18-year-old was taken to St. Louis County Justice Services and the 17-year-old to St. Louis County Family Courts.

In a letter, to parents, Hazelwood School District announced they worked with the St. Louis County Police Department to secure the guns and begin investigating. District officials said there was no direct threat to students or employees.

The Hazelwood School District launched a “[No Guns In School](#)” campaign in September. The campaign flyer states that any student who brings a gun to school will be suspended for up to 180 days and could also be expelled.



Lawmaker wants to ban critical race theory in Missouri schools

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — A Missouri lawmaker wants to ban critical race theory from school districts through the state.

It's a topic making headlines across the country, and on the first day that legislators in Missouri could file legislation, one representative is calling for an end to teaching critical race theory (CRT) in schools. CRT is known as the academic study of how racism has impacted the U.S. through things like politics to culture.

“What this bill does is it sets out the criteria related to critical race theory and then it bans that criteria,” said Rep. David Gregory (R-St. Louis). “There are so many parents who have come to me very upset, very concerned that their kids are being taught that they are the oppressor simply because of the color of their skin or the way they were born.”

The first question read: Does your LEA's board-approved curriculum include lessons about CRT?

The only school to answer yes was Kansas City Public Schools, explaining their answer by saying: “We offer an African Centered College prep magnet school that services both elementary and secondary students. The board also approved the 1619 Project service-learning and community activism grant to be taught during summer school. The curriculum is fully aligned with the Missouri Learning Standards.”

Five schools left the answer blank and 419 districts said no.

The second question read: Does your LEA's board-approved curriculum include The New York Times 1619 Project?

Three schools answered yes: **Hazelwood School District**, Kansas City Public Schools, and the School District of University City.

Hazelwood outlined how the 1619 project is taught in the following grade levels:

- 4th Grade Social Studies – The 1619 Project is listed as one of the teacher resources about the arrival of enslaved Africans in Jamestown.
- 8th Grade Social Studies – Students are given a reading of two paragraphs from the 1619 Project describing the arrival of enslaved Africans in Jamestown.
- 9th Grade US History – The 1619 Project is mentioned in a suggested learning activity where President Trump discusses the 1619 Project and the 1776 project.



Ransomware attacks on the rise but successful attempts are down

ST. LOUIS – The latest ransomware attack at Lewis & Clark Community College is just one of several attacks around the area in recent months.

The Rockwood School District suffered a malware attack over the summer. In September, the Hazelwood School District had a “computer network security issue” after seeing unusual activity and shutting down the network.

Scott Schaffer with Blade Technologies says attack attempts are up but successful attacks are down. He says this is due to companies defenses and awareness getting better.

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"Get the COVID-19 vaccine shot, so we have a shot at a successful school year."