

Administrative Offices
2345 Greyhound Dr.
Augusta, KS 67010



316-775-5484 Office
316-775-5035 Fax
www.usd402.com

12/17/24

This morning the school district received a report that a district employee had engaged in sexual misconduct on a district bus and immediately called the Augusta Department of Public Safety. The employee was immediately taken into police custody, and we are focused on supporting the student and family affected.

The district is investigating, and we have offered our full cooperation to the ongoing law enforcement investigation. In review of previous school bus video footage there have been no other incidents found, and this appears to be an isolated incident. There were no other students on the bus when this took place.

USD 402 employees are expected to provide every student a safe and caring experience — no exceptions! Sexual misconduct of any kind is absolutely unacceptable, violating everything we stand for.

We cannot share details of this incident, due to confidentiality laws and our district's commitment to the privacy of our students and families.

This situation is an important reminder that it takes all of us to keep our students safe. We appreciate the ongoing partnership with law enforcement, and we urge students and families to report any known or suspected abuse or other misconduct without delay. Thank you for respecting the privacy of the family involved in this situation, and thank you for your ongoing partnership.

Matt Ward

USD 402 Superintendent