

DISTRICT NEWS RELEASE

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Statement Regarding Investigation into LHS Teacher

On Friday, April 24, 2026, Hays CISD was notified by the Kyle Police Department that a teacher who works at Lehman High School was being investigated regarding possible inappropriate communication and activity involving a student who attends the school. The district immediately removed 40-year-old math teacher Juan Gomez from the campus, placed him on administrative leave, and barred him from returning to the school or communicating with students and coworkers.

“Protecting students is paramount. The district takes swift action anytime there is an accusation involving activity that would harm students,” said Hays CISD Chief Communication Officer Tim Savoy. “Employees of the district are granted positions of tremendous trust and if they fail that, they will meet with a swift and substantial response. Inappropriate behavior with students is anathema to the thousands of district employees who work tirelessly to provide safe spaces for students to learn and grow.”

Gomez was hired by Hays CISD to work at Lehman High School in July 2023. He will not return to the campus while the criminal investigation and any subsequent court processes are underway.

The district maintains a strong partnership with the Kyle Police Department and is deferring questions about the criminal investigation to that agency. Part of ensuring safety on campus is also ensuring that law enforcement agents are able to conduct a clean and actionable investigation.

All Hays CISD employees, as required by state law, undergo fingerprint-based criminal background checks before they can be hired. Term-contracted teachers, such as Gomez, cannot be immediately terminated because they have employment-based due process rights that must be followed. However, the district will take whatever steps are necessary to protect the students in its charge.

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