Russian Principal Prosecuted for Suspending Schoolgirl Over Pink Hair

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Prosecutors in central Russia have opened an investigation into the suspension of a high school student for pink-colored hair.

Perm resident Zinaida Agisheva, 15, was reportedly [suspended](#) from classes earlier this month for violating a local school's dress code after dying her hair pink. She was later reinstated after returning "with normal hair," the school's director [told](#) local media last week.

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Perm prosecutors [said](#) they have opened administrative proceedings against the school and its principal for violating Agisheva's right to receive an education.

The regional prosecutor's office added that it had lodged a "protest" against the school's
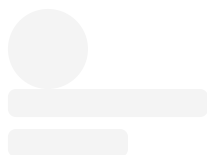
dress code.

"The [dress code] did not authorize the school to set requirements for the students' hair color and length," it said in an online statement Thursday.

Agisheva's mother Nadezhda, who is a local municipal deputy, [wrote](#) on Facebook that she was not seeking to prosecute the school administration.
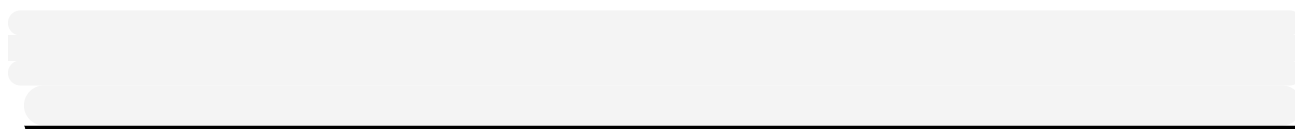
Following national media attention, social media users dyed their hair pink in [support](#) of Agisheva and a regional human rights commissioner [criticized](#) the suspension as discriminatory.

"'Adults' think if they're older, they're right and there are no other opinions," Agisheva [wrote](#) on her Instagram account. "No 'adult' has the right to dictate how to live your life."

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