

# Russian Teacher Charged for Hitting 9-Year-Old Student

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A primary school teacher in Russia's Far East has reportedly been charged with criminal assault and suspended after a video on social media allegedly showed her hitting a nine-year-old student.

In the video, the teacher is [seen](#) hitting a boy in a school uniform while saying: "Who do you think you are?.. Why are you disturbing everyone?" The boy proceeds to fall to the ground as she continues slapping him.

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The Komsomolsk-on-Amur teacher with a 24-year tenure was reportedly [suspended](#) after the video, which was filmed by the victim's classmates, surfaced online.

Following an inquiry [announced](#) by Khabarovsk region's police, investigators [said](#) the teacher

faces up to three years behind bars on dual charges of physical harm and failure to properly care for a minor.

“During the investigation, we will assess the actions (or inaction) of the school’s officials,” they said.

Classmates [described](#) the victim as a “mentally unstable” kid who regularly disrupted class.

“There are a lot of complaints about him,” a fellow student was quoted as saying by the 360tv.ru news channel. “They say his mom herself is shocked by his behavior.”

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