

Russian School Threatens to Expel Boy for Copying Football Hero's Man Bun

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School administrators in Siberia have threatened to expel a 4th-grade student for wearing a man bun styled after his hero, the Swedish football star Zlatan Ibrahimovic, in an incident that has sparked an outcry across Russia.

The hair-raising controversy gained nationwide attention this week after the 10-year-old aspiring football player was reprimanded for coming to class with faded sideburns and a long, bleach-blond top. Regional investigators have launched an inspection into last Thursday's incident, saying they plan to [determine](#) whether school officials in the Krasnoyarsk region town of Sosnovoborsk abused their authority.

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School officials reportedly [compared](#) the boy's man bun to a "Hitler youth" cut and [claimed](#) the style is popular among "Western sexual minorities."

Russian social media users have [launched](#) a campaign asking Ibrahimovic to make a statement in support of the schoolkid.

The Krasnoyarsk region's education authorities weighed in on the controversy, [telling](#) local media that schools have "no right to make demands on students' appearance." A top education official was said to have advised the Sosnovoborsk school to "review" its recently updated dress code that bans unusual haircuts.

The latest hair-related controversy comes a year after a 15-year-old in central Russia was [suspended](#) for dying her hair pink in violation of her school's dress code.

Months after her suspension caused a nationwide outcry, education officials in the Perm region were reported to have [instructed](#) local schools to avoid punishing students for wearing "extravagant" hairstyles, bright manicures and piercings.

Sosnovoborsk is more than 4,000 kilometers east of Moscow.

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