

St. Petersburg High Schooler Stabs Teacher Over Bad Grade, Police Say

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School No. 191 in St. Petersburg. 78.ru

A ninth-grade student stabbed a teacher at a high school in St. Petersburg on Monday after receiving a poor grade, Russian law enforcement officials said.

The student, who was not named, attacked his 29-year-old teacher with a knife inside the school, the St. Petersburg branch of the Interior Ministry [said](#) in a statement.

“The incident is believed to have been triggered by the student receiving a poor grade,” the ministry said. The student later attempted to take his own life but was stopped by police.

Russia’s Investigative Committee, which probes major crimes, [said](#) it launched an investigation into attempted murder, noting that the teacher sustained multiple stab wounds.

Both the teacher and the student were [taken](#) to the hospital, where they were reported to be in serious but not life-threatening condition, according to the local news outlet Fontanka.

Media reports identified the teacher as Maria Andreyeva, a math instructor at School No. 191,

and said the student was the son of a history teacher at the same school.

Fontanka also reported claims on social media that the student was not searched despite metal detectors allegedly detecting a knife at the school entrance. Authorities have not publicly commented on those allegations.

Classes reportedly continued after the incident, though some parents chose to take their children home early.

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