

District 117 Response to Computer Tampering Allegation

Antioch Community High School teacher Sara Glashagel was cited on November 18, 2011 by the Antioch Police Department for a Class A misdemeanor, tampering with computer records. The high school had contacted the police on September 27 to report that grades in teachers' electronic gradebooks had been altered without their knowledge. The police's investigation identified Ms. Glashagel as the person who tampered with the records, and she admitted to the police that she had made these changes. The police and school district are confident that no one else was involved in changing the grades.

As of November 18, 2011, Glashagel has been placed on administrative leave by school district, pending further investigation and resolution of the case. Her access to school records has been removed, and she is not allowed on school property or at school events.

The district wants to assure the public that the altered grades were immediately identified and corrected by the staff. Since some of the grade changes involved student athletes, the school made sure that their grades were corrected before they participated in an athletic event; therefore, no ineligible athlete participated in an athletic contest. The school notified the Illinois High School Association of the issue, indicating that athletes' grades had been changed but were corrected. Given this information, the IHSA said that no further investigation was warranted.

In addition, all grades were checked and double-checked to ensure the complete accuracy of the grades. No other private information in student records was accessed or changed by Glashagel. To further protect the security of the school's electronic records, all teachers immediately changed their passwords into the school's system and into their gradebooks. The school and the district want to assure the public, both parents and students, that student information is correct and secure.

Press can contact co-superintendent of High School District 117 Mike Nekritz at 847-838-7620 for additional information. Parents who have questions can contact Principal John Whitehurst at 847-838-7179.