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[Six Arrests at Dunbar High School After Alleged Rape](#)

Six minor students have reportedly been arrested after an alleged sexual assault at Dunbar High School in Washington, DC just before the holiday break. Security measures at the school have been enhanced, according to a letter sent to parents by school officials, and neither the suspects nor the alleged victim are being identified by name due to their respective ages.

In the letter regarding the alleged November 22nd incident, interim D.C. Public Schools Chancellor Kaya Henderson disclosed to parents that the assault occurred during school hours in an unused area of the school in the vicinity of a lower level stairwell. She says that "security issues" are being reviewed in light of the allegations, including the possibility of adding devices such as cameras to existing security measures. Henderson writes:

"Your student's safety remains my top priority. You have my commitment to ensure that we will do everything possible to ensure that all students and staff remain safe and that Dunbar is an environment where all students can learn and teachers can teach."

D.C. Public Schools officials learned of the alleged assault Tuesday after the student reported the incident to her parents Monday night. All six students have been charged with first-degree sexual assault and have been removed from classes while an investigation into the allegation occurs. No court dates have yet been announced in the case, and it was not disclosed whether the suspects have been assigned or have retained a [DC criminal lawyer](#) to face the felony charges.

D.C. Public Schools spokeswoman Safiya Simmons indicated that no further information regarding the suspects or the victim would be released in order "to protect their privacy and the ongoing criminal investigation."

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