

## Teacher placed on leave over alleged relationship

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A teacher at Northeast College Preparatory School in Rochester “was immediately removed” after allegations that he had an inappropriate relationship with a student, the Rochester City School District announced Tuesday.

The teacher was placed on paid administrative leave, according to district spokesman Carlos Garcia. He was removed to “ensure no further contact with the student, or any other student, while we conduct a thorough review,” the district said in a letter to families.

Northeast College Prep is housed in the former Frederick Douglass High School building at 940 Fernwood Park.

It is not believed that any other students are involved in the incident, the district said, but it encouraged parents to contact the district with any concerns.

Garcia said: “We take these allegations very seriously. The teacher has to be given his due process. Until the internal review is done, this is an active investigation. We took immediate action as soon as we heard the allegations.” Because this is a personnel matter, Garcia declined to release the identity of the teacher.

“The safety and wellbeing of our students is our highest priority,” the letter continued. Garcia said the Rochester Police Department isn’t involved in the investigation. “Not to my knowledge at this point, but that doesn’t mean that they won’t be,” Garcia said.

“We regret having to share this news, which creates a painful situation for everyone,” the letter concluded.

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