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## **Weapon Found on CAHS Campus; VIDE and VIPD Take Immediate Action to Address Incident**

The Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE) is reaffirming its strict zero-tolerance policy for weapons, drugs, and all illegal items on public school campuses following a serious incident today at Charlotte Amalie High School (CAHS).

During a routine random search on Monday, November 24, 2025, school personnel discovered a loaded firearm in a student's possession. Protocols were immediately enacted, and the weapon was confiscated without delay in full coordination with the Virgin Islands Police Department (VIPD). The student involved will face the appropriate disciplinary consequences and legal action as outlined in VIDE policies and Virgin Islands law.

The VIDE stresses that bringing weapons or illegal objects onto school property is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated under any circumstance. Such behavior endangers the school community, violates Department regulations, and creates fear, panic, and disruption for students, faculty, and staff. Schools are institutions of learning not environments for illegal, harmful, or threatening items.

To maintain a safe and secure educational environment across the Territory, random searches will continue to occur on all campuses, and the VIDE will sustain close collaboration with the VIPD as the investigation proceeds and disciplinary measures are enforced.

Parents, guardians, and students are urged to take this matter seriously and to support the Department's continued efforts to keep all campuses safe, focused on teaching, learning, and student success.

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