

Students suspended after sharing teacher's mugshot on social media

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MEMPHIS, TN (WMC) - Students at Highland Oaks Middle School were suspended for three days after re-posting a teacher's mugshot on social media, but administrators later overturned the suspensions.

Eighth grade teacher Tiffany Jackson was arrested for driving with a suspended license. Friday, students posted the mugshot to Instagram, and many more students re-posted the picture.

"Because he re-posted it, he would have to be suspended for three days," says parent Shanna Richardson.

Richardson says her son was one of three students to be disciplined for the action.

SCS officials cited the policy "inappropriate use of electronic media" as the reason.

Richardson says she questions two things, why only three students were disciplined and how her son could be suspended for posting something that's public record?

Richardson says it's unfair her son and others were singled out, especially after he apologized to the teacher.

"My son went to her and talked to her to make her feel better, and explained how he deleted it," said Richardson. "He still got punished and that's what makes me upset."

"It's public information, put it that way. You can see it on social media or you can see it in a magazine," says Richardson.