

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
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News Brief

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TWELVE- YEAR- OLD STUDENT BRINGS GUN TO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Maricopa County Sheriff's deputies responded to the Queen Creek Middle School, located at 20435 S. Ellsworth Road, Queen Creek, AZ regarding a student who brought a loaded hand gun to school.

A middle school employee observed the twelve-year-old boy demonstrating to other students how to load and unload the 9 mm pistol. The employee immediately confiscated the loaded weapon, and school officials notified the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff's Office is working with the school administration to resolve the incident. When deputies arrived to the school, just after noon, the boy was taken into custody and the hand gun secured. During his interview the twelve-year-old boy admitted to bringing the gun to school in his back pack. He then told deputies that he brought the weapon with him to school because another student had been "picking" on him.

The juvenile remains in custody and will be turned over to a juvenile detention facility. This is an active investigation with details to follow.

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