

Alvord ISD statement (issued Friday, Sept. 26)

On September 3, 2025, the Alvord ISD Police Department received a report from a parent regarding alleged misconduct by a staff member, which was also referred to the Wise County Sheriff's Office Animal Control Division by the parent. Alvord ISD Administration and the Alvord ISD Police Department immediately initiated an investigation, consulting with the Wise County Attorney's Office and Animal Control.

The investigation determined that certain allegations being circulated online are inaccurate, we are issuing this statement to correct the record. Specifically, the high school Advanced Animal Science teacher did not feed a kitten to a snake in front of students. Prior to the start of the school day, the teacher fed one ailing kitten to a snake outside the presence of students. She later acknowledged this decision to her class and permitted a student, with parental consent, to take the remaining ailing kittens home. The District understands those kittens subsequently died in the student's home.

The teacher, an experienced educator and animal lover, has apologized to the students for her actions and voluntarily removed all snakes from her classroom. The Alvord ISD Police Department, Animal Control, and the Wise County Attorney's Office reviewed the matter and specific details of the investigation and all three entities concurred that the incident should be deferred back to the District for administrative action only.

We understand that some students and others were upset by this situation, and that is the last thing we want. Because this is now only a personnel matter, there are limits on what the District may share publicly. All responses have been carefully developed with guidance from the District's legal counsel. While we cannot provide additional details, we can confirm this was a one-time, isolated incident that has been addressed and fully remediated.

Alvord ISD remains committed to providing a safe and respectful learning environment for all of our students. The District encourages anyone with further information relevant to the investigation, or concerns about their children, to report them directly to the appropriate staff so they may be promptly addressed.

Thank you