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## Drug-sniffing dog bites Indiana girl during school visit

NEW ALBANY, Ind. Southeastern Indiana school officials say a police dog brought into a classroom for a demonstration of its drug-sniffing skills bit a sixth-grader in the face.

The girl, whose name was not released, wasn't seriously injured in yesterday's attack at Hazelwood Middle School in New Albany, Indiana. But a school nurse cleaned the girl's wound and she was treated and released from a local hospital.

Dave Rarick is a spokesman for the New Albany-Floyd County school system. He says the dog apparently became "spooked" as the student and classmates were petting the dog.

New Albany police have so far declined to comment on the incident.

Rarick says police dogs have been brought into several of the district's schools over the years for classroom demonstrations but nothing like the attack has ever happened before.

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