

Springfield, Missouri Teacher Who Berated 6th Grader as “Straight Jerk” Reportedly Lost Her Job

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Springfield, Missouri: Amanda Parker, a Pershing middle school teacher, verbally abused a sixth-grade student in her classroom for asking why straight kids weren't allowed to have her “unicorn cupcakes.” She yelled at the student that he was an “ignorant,” “straight jerk,” “weasel,” “dip” & “butthead.” The teacher reportedly lost her job. Local parents condemned the video on social media after repeatedly accusing the district of teaching Critical Race Theory.

“Would you like a special unicorn cupcake for being a straight jerk?” smirked the teacher.

“Yes!” exclaimed the student. And she proceeded to take him one: “Alright, c'mere, get a straight-jerk cupcake, for being a pill.”

At that point, the student remarked: “I'm just trying to be annoying.”

“You are annoying,” responded the teacher. “You are very successful, congratulations! ... What a dip.”

“What?” the student asked her. “A dip. Like a dipstick, a butthead, a weasel, a pain in my butt,” answered the woman.

“I thought you said something else,” said a girl who was apparently the one recording the woman who did not know she was being videoed. The teacher then proclaimed that “everyone is welcome to a unicorn cupcake.”

It is unclear what took place and what was said prior to the recording. However, after the school's administration heard about the incident 24 hours later, they reviewed the

video given to them by an outraged parent. That's when they began looking into exactly what transpired in the classroom and made a hotline call to the Missouri Children's Division. The school leaders stated that the teacher violated the professional standards of the institution.

The Springfield School District in Missouri was crystal clear on the subject. "We are all in agreement," stated Springfield Public Schools Public Information Officer Stephen Hall. "The comments that are reflected in the video are completely unacceptable. They're inappropriate, and they're inexcusable. So as a result, we did follow our policies and procedures. Our board policy outlines very specific steps for disciplinary investigation and action, and that was followed by the district."

Missouri Senator Eric Burlison issued a [statement](#) concerning the video on Facebook: "As she promoted her personal beliefs in the classroom, she lost her objectivity in a conversation with one of her students, who pushed back on these ideas. Crossing the line even further, she is said to have called a young man many demeaning and derogatory names."

"Examples like this one, reports of critical race theory being taught, and other extreme views that don't belong in the classroom, give me pause to consider if the education bureaucracy in our state has lost its focus on its true purpose," Burlison remarked. "During the interim, I invite you to share with me your concerns and thoughts on public education in Missouri. We owe it to ourselves, and more importantly, to our children to provide the best opportunity for every student in our state."

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