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Student, Staff Assaulted by Students at State Training School

(Plankinton) - A student and four staff members of the State Training School required medical treatment after being assaulted by three students Thursday.

Three students assaulted another student in a classroom in the Juvenile Prison just after 8:30 AM this morning. The students then assaulted four staff members who intervened, before causing minor damage to the classroom.

The student and staff members who were assaulted were examined by a physician's assistant in Plankinton and sent to Avera Queen of Peace Hospital in Mitchell as a precaution. None of the injuries were serious.

The three students involved in the assault are currently on restricted status in the Juvenile Prison.

The Division of Criminal Investigation is investigating the assault. A decision on charges will be made upon completion of that investigation.

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