



**FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY STATEMENT : Shootings Near Hope Academy  
of West Michigan**

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Below is a Ferris State University statement concerning the shootings that took place this afternoon (Monday, Oct. 22) in Grand Rapids near Hope Academy of West Michigan, a University-authorized charter school.

**Ferris State University Statement on Shooting Near Hope Academy**

Ferris State University and its Charter Schools Office were made aware of multiple shootings that took place near Hope Academy of West Michigan, a Ferris-authorized charter school on Monday, Oct. 22 in Grand Rapids. The Charter Schools Office has learned that the shootings occurred a half block away from the school, and not on Hope Academy property. The two Hope Academy students were shot after they had been dismissed for the day from the academy at 2:56 p.m. At this time, the injuries to the students are believed to be non-life threatening. Following the shooting, the school immediately went into lockdown. The University and its Charter Schools Office take security issues very seriously. Hope Academy features a single point of entry where visitors are buzzed into the school as one security measure. Additionally, staff members accompany students out of the school at the end of the day and greet them at the school at the beginning of the day. The University's primary concern is with the safety of students and staff at all Ferris State University-authorized charter schools.

For any media members who have additional questions, they can contact Ronald Rizzo, the associate director of Ferris State University Charter Schools. He can be reached at (231) 660-2851.

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