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Shooting report at Connecticut primary school

Students at a US primary school have been evacuated as police responded to reports of a shooting in Newtown, Connecticut.

Schools across the district are on lock-down as a preventive measure, the school superintendent's office said.

Police arrived at the school soon after 09:40 local time (14:40 GMT) and a spokesman described the situation as an active scene.

It is not clear how many people may have been injured.

A local NBC news channel said that a hospital in nearby Danbury had reported receiving three injured patients.

There are unconfirmed reports of two shooters, according to [a report in the local Hartford Courant](#) newspaper.

Police received a call reporting that a gunman was in the school's main office. One person there had "numerous gunshot wounds", the newspaper added.

Local media report that at least one gunman may have been killed.

Sandy Hook School - described by correspondents as a highly rated school - has cancelled its kindergarten class on Friday and will not operate midday bus runs, the school's website says.

The public school has more than 600 students in classes from Kindergarten to 4th Grade - including students aged from five to 10.

On its website, Danbury Hospital said it was aware of a "situation" at the school.

"Please know we're collecting facts now and will be back to you as soon as possible with the most accurate information," the hospital said in a statement.

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