

Virus cripples Mounds View school computers

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MOUNDA VIEW, Minn. - A nasty virus has been going around the Mounds View public schools, but the only thing it's infecting is computers.

This particular virus effectively shuts a computer down and renders it useless. Officials say about 3,500 computers in the Mounds View school district have been infected.

While no data, such as grades, has been lost, the district finds itself without computers to handle everything from grade record keeping to figuring attendance.

The district is now in the process of erasing the hard drives, and reinstalling the operating system and software on every computer. A 12-person team has been working up to 15-hour days to fix the problems.

The virus was discovered earlier this month. Since then it has shut down computer systems across the country.

Technology staffers are uncertain how the virus was introduced to the system.