



We at Area 51 wish to express our regret at the events stemming from the recent visit of students from the St. Helena Arts & Technology Academy.

On May 17, the school's visit was cut short when two students said that one of our employees had directed racially charged language toward them. We have been communicating with school administrators and Superintendent Joseph over the past two days to determine facts and take appropriate action.

We have placed the employee in question on unpaid administrative leave while we investigate. We are interviewing all park employees, and reviewing park video. We are also examining the statements provided by Superintendent Joseph.

We hope those affected can appreciate our need to handle these sensitive matters in a careful, professional manner.

At Area 51, we do not tolerate discrimination against customers or employees based on race, national origin, religious creed, age, gender, sex, sexual orientation, or physical or mental condition. Nobody should have to encounter discriminatory actions, speech or other harassment.

We take reported instances of discrimination in our park extremely seriously. Any suspected instance of discriminatory action, including the use of discriminatory language, is immediately investigated and appropriate action is taken—including but not limited to: supplemental employee training, unpaid suspension, and/or termination.

Since opening Area 51 in Baton Rouge we have worked hard to make our park a safe, fun, and inclusive environment for the entire community. We are committed to upholding these values now and in the future.

We would be very happy to discuss this matter in-person with Superintendent Joseph as we continue our investigation.

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