

It is the policy of this district that corporal punishment may be administered only upon a determination that such discipline is appropriate.

In determining whether corporal punishment is appropriate for a particular student, the following factors must be considered:

- a. *The need for corporal punishment, given the student's current behavior and prior disciplinary actions.*
 - b. *The relationship between the need for corporal punishment and the amount of punishment to be administered;*
 - c. *The extent of injury which could be inflicted as a result of the punishment; and*
 - d. *A determination that the punishment must be administered in a good faith effort to maintain discipline.*
 - e. *A determination that other methods of discipline have proven to be ineffective.*
1. *Corporal punishment may not be imposed unless the student has been informed that specific misbehavior could result in corporal punishment.*
 2. *Corporal punishment may only be administered in the presence of a second school official who has been informed in the presence of the student of the reason for the punishment.*
 3. *The student's parent/guardian must be informed of the punishment and the reason therefor. A written explanation must be provided upon request. A written statement must be placed in the student's discipline file.*
 4. *Corporal punishment must not be inflicted on the basis of anger.*
 5. *Corporal punishment must not be inflicted to enforce an unreasonable rule.*
 6. *Corporal punishment must not be imposed which, by nature or degree, would reasonably be considered to be excessive.*
 7. *Corporal punishment must only be administered by the principal or superintendent.*

This policy will in no way prohibit a teacher from reasonably defending against a physical attack by a student.



LEGAL REFERENCE:

Ingram v. Wright, 97 S. Ct. 1401 (1977)

Biggs v. Koch, CV 91-0330-E-EJL (D. Idaho 1991)

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