

## List of Alternatives to Corporal Punishment

Each employee, volunteer, or contractor shall consider use of the following alternatives to corporal punishment in administering student discipline. These options are suggested as viable alternatives to the use of corporal punishment. This list is not exhaustive and is not presented in any order of priority.

- Provide direct instruction to students in social skills and problem-solving strategies
- Use positive reinforcement to teach and maintain the use of appropriate problem-solving and social skills
- Use social reinforcers such as teacher feedback, peer pressure, and other self-esteem enhancing activities to support and maintain the use of problem-solving and social skills.
- Apply logical consequences that will teach students personal responsibility for their actions.
- Consider the use of time-out, which may allow students to learn to take control of their actions and ultimately, in conjunction with instruction in social skills to cease their undesirable behavior.
- Employ problem-solving classroom meetings and/or school assemblies with honest discussion of problems to encourage student ownership of and responsibility for solutions.
- Establish a variety of strategies for communicating with parents.
- Establish contractual agreements that clearly outline consequences with students and their parents to enhance the development of self-control behavior.
- Use an in-school suspension program in which the student performs curricula-related activities.
- When necessary, refer students for counseling services.
- Refer students whose behavior indicates the possibility that they have a disability for consideration of an evaluation pursuant to IDEA or Section 504.
- Consider and take action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct when disruptive behavior occurs.