

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

Corporal punishment will be used only as a last resort in the most unusual circumstances and after all other corrective measures have been used without success. If possible, parents/guardians will be advised in advance of the decision to administer such punishment and the reasons therefore.

No corporal punishment may be administered without consultation with the principal, nor may any corporal punishment be administered without some other staff member acting as a witness.

A staff member may, however, use physical force against a student without advance notice to the principal when it is essential for self-defense, the protection of other persons, the safeguarding of public school property, or the preservation of order.

In the event that physical force is used, the following reporting procedure will be followed:

1. The teacher or principal who has administered corporal punishment must file a written report with the building principal immediately;
2. The report will relate all relevant details of the incident, including what action was taken, why the action was taken, and what measures, if any, have been taken to prevent the need for such action;
3. The report will be kept on file and be made available to the parent/guardian on request; and
4. The parent/guardian will be afforded an opportunity to request a conference with the students, teacher, and administrator(s) involved in the incident to discuss the situation. The conference will take place at an agreed on designated time.

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