

Corporal Punishment

Corporal punishment is permitted in order to preserve an effective educational environment, free from disruption. Corporal punishment shall be reasonable and moderate and may not be administered maliciously or for the purpose of revenge. Such factors as the size, age, and physical, mental, and emotional condition of the student, type of instrument, and the amount of force to be used shall be considered before administering corporal punishment.

Corporal punishment is limited to paddling the student and is governed by the following guidelines:

1. Administered only after less stringent measures have been attempted.
2. The student is told the reason.
3. Administered only by the principal, assistant principal, or teacher.
4. Instrument to be used will be approved by the principal.
5. Administered in the presence of one other District professional employee and out of view of other students.
6. A record will be maintained of each incident.
7. The student's parent or guardian may provide a statement prohibiting its use. The statement must be provided on an annual basis.

Coaches and physical education teachers may use reasonable physical exercises or activities as a measure to enforce class or team rules in their classes and activities, and these exercises or activities are not considered to be "corporal punishment"