

Corporal Punishment

~~The Board authorizes the use of corporal punishment as a disciplinary measure, under guidelines set out in this policy. Employees shall not utilize corporal punishment as a penalty or punishment for student misbehavior. Corporal punishment shall refer to the deliberate infliction of physical pain on a student by any means.~~

DEFINITION

~~Corporal punishment shall refer to the deliberate infliction of physical pain by any means upon the whole or any part of a student's body as a punishment or penalty for misbehavior.~~

APPLICATION

~~Corporal punishment shall be administered by striking the student's buttocks with a paddle. No other form of corporal punishment may be administered.~~

PARENTAL NOTIFICATION

~~Within one (1) school day of the occurrence, the Principal or designee shall notify the student's parents in writing that corporal punishment has been administered on their child.~~

WHO CAN ADMINISTER

~~Corporal punishment may be administered by a certified staff member, but only in the presence of another certified employee.~~

~~The certified staff member who administers corporal punishment shall be the same gender as the student being punished, except when a staff member of the appropriate gender is not assigned to the school.~~

REASONS

~~Prior to punishment, and in the presence of the witness, the student shall be informed of the reason for the punishment and permitted to give his/her account of the incident or infraction.~~

OTHER PUPILS NOT PRESENT

~~Corporal punishment shall not be administered in the presence of other students.~~

LAST RESORT

~~Corporal punishment is a last resort to be utilized only after other disciplinary means have been tried and found to be ineffective. Prior to exhibiting the misbehavior resulting in corporal punishment, the student shall have been made aware that the misbehavior could result in corporal punishment.~~

NOT EXCESSIVE

~~Corporal punishment shall not be excessive or unreasonable. Among the factors to be considered shall be the age, size, and health of the student.~~

EXCUSED ON REQUEST

~~At the parent's written request, a student shall be excused from corporal punishment. When parents request that it not be used with their child, other appropriate punishment, including suspension, shall be administered in lieu of corporal punishment.~~

Corporal Punishment**REQUIRED RECORDS**

~~Each use of corporal punishment shall be documented by a written record that includes the student's name and age; the name and the gender of person administering the punishment; and the name and gender of the witness.~~

~~The written record shall also include a complete description of the circumstances requiring this punishment, including the misbehaviors for which the punishment was administered and the severity of the punishment recorded by the number of strikes administered. The certified employee who administers the punishment, as well as the official witness, shall provide written verification of this information.~~

~~Each school shall maintain all corporal punishment records that may be required by law.~~

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

~~In cases which involve students with disabilities, the procedures mandated by federal and state law shall be followed.~~

REFERENCES:

~~OAG 69-534; OAG 75-693; OAG 78-704~~

~~KRS 160.290; KRS 160.340; KRS 161.180~~

~~P.L. 105.17; Ingraham v. Wright, 430 U.S. 651 (1977)~~

~~704 KAR 7:160~~

RELATED POLICIES:

~~09.2212~~

~~09.43~~

~~09.431~~