

5630 - CORPORAL PUNISHMENT AND USE OF REASONABLE FORCE AND RESTRAINT

A teacher or other member of the staff shall assume such authority for the control of students who are assigned to ~~them~~ **him/her** by the principal or designee and shall keep good order in the classroom.

Corporal Punishment

[X] The use of corporal punishment is prohibited. Alternative disciplinary procedures, which may include timeout, peer review, or other forms of positive reinforcement should be used to bring about appropriate student classroom behavior. **[END OF OPTION]**

~~[] Pursuant to State law, if a teacher or the principal determines that corporal punishment is necessary, it may be administered by a teacher or school principal in accordance with guidelines established by the school principal.~~

~~Corporal punishment may not be administered to a student without written parental consent. Consent must be obtained utilizing the approved District form [] for each school year [] before each administration [END OF OPTIONS].~~

~~The principal's guidelines shall include requirements that corporal punishment be administered by the specific staff members authorized by the principal to administer such punishment. The guidelines shall also require that it be administered in the presence of another adult and that the adult in whose presence it is administered be informed in the student's presence of the reason for the corporal punishment. The guidelines shall further require that the teacher or principal shall, upon parental request, provide the parent with a written explanation of the reason for the punishment and the name of the other adult who was present. The principal's guidelines may include other requirements and conditions under which corporal punishment may be administered.~~

~~Additionally, pursuant to State law, the School Board shall review the portion of this policy authorizing corporal punishment once every three (3) years at a public meeting where the Board takes public testimony or when the portion of this policy authorizing corporal punishment expires.~~

[END OF OPTIONS]

Reasonable Force and Restraint

Instructional staff as well as support staff, within the scope of their employment, may use and apply reasonable force and restraint to quell a disturbance threatening physical injury to others, to obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects upon or within the control of the student, in self-defense, or for the protection of persons or property.

Furthermore, administrators, instructional staff members, and support staff members shall not be criminally or civilly liable for any action carried out in conformity with State Board rule and/or Board policies regarding the control, discipline, suspension, and expulsion of students, including, but not limited to, any exercise of authority granted by this policy.

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