

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

- A. Corporal punishment of a student by school personnel is prohibited.
- B. Definitions:
 - 1. Corporal punishment means the intentional infliction of physical pain which is used as a means of discipline. Corporal punishment includes, but is not limited to, paddling, slapping, forced exercise or prolonged maintenance of uncomfortable positions. Corporal punishment does not include reasonable and recognized behavioral modification programs, reasonable and recognized physical activities associated with athletic training or incidental or minor physical contact designed to maintain order and control.
 - 2. Also, the following statement and exemptions should be incorporated with the definition.
 - a. The use of physical force by school personnel shall be limited to that which may reasonably be determined as necessary for the immediate protection of physical well-being or public property under the following circumstances:
 - (1) Removing a disorderly student from a classroom, etc.
 - (2) Self-defense.
 - (3) Preventing a student from self-inflicted harm.
 - (4) Preventing the harm of another student.
 - (5) Restraining students from damaging public property.
 - (6) Forcibly removing dangerous or unlawful objects.
 - b. After each of the preceding situations, a description of the circumstances and the action taken shall be furnished within twenty-four (24) hours to the school building principal via the student information system. Said report shall be forwarded to the office of the District Administrator within five (5) school days.

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