

JDA Corporal Punishment

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Principals, designated representatives and teachers are authorized to impose corporal punishment on students for disciplinary reasons. Corporal punishment shall be administered in private by the principal and in the presence of another adult witness.

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Corporal punishment will not be used as a first line of discipline for misbehavior, except for those acts of misconduct which are disruptive in nature, but shall be used only after alternative disciplinary measures such as counseling with students and/or parents or detention have been used without success. Corporal punishment shall be used only in relation to behavior arising in the student-school relationship.

No corporal punishment shall be cruel, unusual or excessive. Punishment shall be administered by striking the student on the buttocks with a paddle. No corporal punishment shall be inflicted so as to cause any permanent or disabling injury to the student. No punishment shall be administered in anger or with malicious intent. The extent of the punishment shall correspond to the seriousness of the offense. The punishment shall also take into account the student's age, general health and physique.

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Corporal punishment may also be administered for any violation of the behavior code. In addition to the foregoing, each building principal may adopt rules for corporal punishment which specify offenses which may result in the use of corporal punishment. These rules must be approved by the board.

The superintendent shall receive a written report from the person administering any corporal punishment within 24 hours of the punishment. The report shall be kept in a file in the central office. Reports may be given to the board.

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