

Student Punishment/Corporal Punishment

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Each teacher is responsible for the conduct of all students. Any discipline problem with which the teacher feels inadequate, may be referred to the high school principal, the superintendent of school, and to the parents.

Disciplinary conferences including the student, parents or guardian, and school personnel, called to consider a pupil's misbehavior in school shall always focus on the education and welfare of the student. These shall never be punitive in nature, nor to the extent possible, resemble adversary proceedings. It is the intent of the board of education that due process in the school district shall display a high regard for the best interest and welfare of each student.

Discipline should not be considered a group matter. A whole group of students should not be disciplined for the misdeeds of one or a few students.

Discipline should not be confined to the classroom. Certified staff members are responsible for assisting with the discipline of students between classes, before and after school, and at school activities.

It is the policy of the board of education that corporal punishment may not be administered to a student. A staff member may, however, use reasonable physical force against a pupil, without advance notice of a school administrator when:

- I. It is essential for self-defense.
- II. It is for the preservation of order.
- III. It is for the protection of other persons or property of this school district.

Legal Reference: §28-1413 Use of Force With Responsibility for Care,
Discipline or Safety of Others.