

## **Corporal Punishment**

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Corporal punishment is defined as the willfull infliction or willfully causing the infliction of physical pain. Corporal punishment, including the spanking of students, is not permitted.

Corporal punishment does not include the use of physical force by a school administrator, teacher, school employee or volunteer as necessary to prevent a student from harming self, others, or doing harm to school district property. District personnel are authorized to use physical force under these conditions.

Furthermore, corporal punishment does not include physical pain or discomfort resulting from or caused by:

1. Training for or participation in athletic competition voluntarily engaged in by a student;
2. Recreational activity voluntarily engaged in by a student;
3. Physical exertion shared by all students in a teacher directed class activity, which may include, but is not limited to, physical education exercises, field trips or vocational education projects; or
4. Physical restraint or the use of aversive techniques as a part of a behavior management program in a student's individual education program which has been signed by the parent and is carried out according to district procedures.

In summary, school personnel should ask themselves the following two questions regarding an action:

1. Is the action intended as punishment or discipline?; and
2. Is it likely to cause pain?

If the answer is "yes" to both questions, personnel are to avoid the action since it is a violation of law.