

Lane Education Service District Policy

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Corporal Punishment

The use of corporal punishment of students is prohibited in Lane ESD in accordance with Oregon law. The use of reasonable physical force necessary to maintain order and student and staff safety is permissible.

It is the expectation of Lane ESD that alternative strategies to the use of reasonable physical force will be used by district staff whenever possible.

No teacher, administrator, other ESD employee or ESD volunteer shall inflict corporal punishment upon a student. The term “corporal punishment” means the willful infliction of, or willfully causing the infliction of, physical pain on a student. Permission to administer corporal punishment will not be sought or accepted from any parent/guardian, person in a parental relationship or ESD administrator, teacher or ESD employee. However, any teacher, administrator, other ESD employee or ESD volunteer may use reasonable physical force upon a student when and to the extent the individual reasonably believes it is necessary to maintain order and student/staff safety in the school, program, classroom or at an ESD-sponsored activity or event, whether or not it is held on ESD property or to prevent a student from harming himself/herself, other students, staff, other individuals or property.

An ESD administrator, teacher or other ESD employee or ESD volunteer may use physical restraint or other approved techniques as part of a behavior management program in a student’s individual education program which has been signed by the parent, guardian or person in a parental relationship and is carried out according to ESD procedures.

The superintendent will develop procedures for the use of reasonable physical force in Lane ESD programs in accordance with the limitations permissible by law.

Lane ESD staff working in component school districts, their parents, guardians or persons in parental relationship shall comply with component district policies and procedures.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 161.205](#)
[ORS 339.240](#)
[ORS 339.250](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075](#)
[OAR 584-020-0040](#)