

Corporal Punishment**

The authority to discipline a student does not authorize the infliction of corporal punishment. The use of corporal punishment in any form is strictly prohibited in the district. No teacher, administrator, other school personnel or school volunteer will subject a student to corporal punishment or condone the use of corporal punishment by any person under his/her supervision or control. Permission to administer corporal punishment will not be sought or accepted from any parent or school official.

However, A staff member is authorized to employ physical force when, in his/her professional judgment, the physical force is necessary to prevent a student from harming self, others or doing harm to district property. Physical force shall not be used to discipline or punish a student. The Superintendent shall inform all staff members and volunteers of this policy.

As used in this subsection, “corporal punishment” means the willful infliction of, or willfully causing the infliction of, physical pain on a student.

As used in this subsection, “corporal punishment” does not mean:

1. The use of physical force authorized by ORS 161.205 for the reasons specified therein; or
2. Physical pain or discomfort resulting from or caused by participation in athletic competition or other such 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 professional technical projects.

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](#)