

**CORPORAL PUNISHMENT
(REGULATIONS)**

Corporal punishment will be administered in accordance with board policy and the following regulations:

1. Discipline is the responsibility of the teacher. Children who do not conform to the rules and regulations and continue to be a distracting element must be corrected. Parental cooperation will be solicited in the process of securing a change of behavior traits. Behavioral problems which cannot be handled by the teacher will be referred to the principal, and then to the superintendent, in that order.
2. Corporal punishment may be used in disciplining school children. Corporal punishment will be used only when there is reason to believe it will be helpful in maintaining discipline or in the development of strong character and powers of self-control.
3. Corporal punishment may be administered by the teacher and/or the principal, and must always be in the presence of another teacher and/or principal.
4. Corporal punishment may never be administered in any degree that will result in serious injury.
5. Corporal punishment is defined as paddling with a paddle.
6. The maximum paddling is three strokes on the buttocks for any one offense.
7. All teachers will follow guidelines set in Title IX – Section 901 (a) of making and filing disciplinary action card with the building principal.
8. The teacher of a child attending a public school will have the same right as a parent or guardian to control and discipline the child during the time the child is in attendance or in transit to or from the school or any other school function authorized by the school district or classroom presided over by the teacher.
9. Provided, however, that nothing contained in this act will prohibit any parent, teacher or other person using ordinary force as a means of discipline, including but not limited to spanking, switching, or paddling.