

Franklin County Board of Education

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1 Any principal, assistant principal, or teacher may use corporal punishment in a reasonable manner against
2 any student for good cause in order to maintain discipline and order within the public schools¹ in
3 accordance with the following guidelines:²

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5 1. A student's parent(s) or guardian(s) shall be given an opportunity to express a preference as to
6 whether corporal punishment may or may not be administered against the student. Such
7 preference shall be expressed on a written disciplinary preference form designated by the
8 Director of Schools and sent to parents and guardians by school principals at the beginning of
9 the school year. A parent or guardian may change a previously stated preference by completing
10 and submitting a new form;
- 11 2. Corporal punishment may be administered against a student only if the school has received a
12 disciplinary-preference form for the current school year signed by the student's parent or
13 guardian authorizing the school to administer corporal punishment against the student;
- 14 3. Corporal punishment shall be administered only after other less stringent measures or behavior
15 modifications have failed;
- 16 4. The instrument to be used shall be approved by the director of schools by administrative
17 directive;
- 18 5. Corporal punishment shall be administered in the presence of another professional employee,
19 preferably the principal or assistant principal; the preferred site is in the office area;
- 20 6. An attempt shall be made to notify the student's parents or guardians prior to administering
21 corporal punishment; the parents or guardians shall be invited to witness the administration of
22 the punishment; and
- 23 7. The nature of the punishment shall be such that it is in proportion to the gravity of the offense,
24 the apparent motive and disposition of the student, and the influence of the student's example
25 and conduct on others.

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30 Each principal or principal's designee shall create a disciplinary record for each incident when corporal
31 punishment is used. Such records shall contain the name of the student, the type of misconduct, the type of
32 corporal punishment used, the name of the person administering the punishment, the name of the witness
33 present, and the date and time of punishment.

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35 Disciplinary records shall be filed in the school office and made available to parents or students, whichever
36 is appropriate.³

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38 **Legal References:**

- 39 1. TCA 49-6-4103; Ingraham v Wright, 430 U.S. 651 (1977)
- 40 2. TCA 49-6-4104
- 41 3. TCA 10-7-504(b)

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38 **Cross References:**

- 39 Discipline Procedures 6.313
40 Student Records 6.600-604