

# Haywood County Board of Education

Monitoring:  <b>Review: Annually, in March</b>	Descriptor Term:  <h2 style="text-align: center;">Corporal Punishment</h2>	Descriptor Code: <b>6.314</b>	Issued Date: <b>09/04/18</b>
		Rescinds: <b>6.314</b>	Issued: <b>12/08/09</b>

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

4 1. Corporal punishment shall be administered only after other less stringent measures have failed  
 5 or if the conduct of a student is of such nature that corporal punishment is the only reasonable  
 6 form of punishment under the circumstances;

7 2. The instrument to be used shall be approved by the principal;

8 3. Corporal punishment shall be administered in the presence of another professional employee;

9 4. The nature of the punishment shall be such that it is in proportion to the gravity of the offense,  
 10 the apparent motive and disposition of the student, and the influence of the student's example  
 11 and conduct on others;

12 5. If a student has a disability, corporal punishment shall be administered only when the school has  
 13 received written parental permission. The parental permission must include the type of corporal  
 14 punishment that is allowed and the circumstances under which it is permitted. This information  
 15 will be kept on file at the school. It may be revoked at any time; and

16 6. The principal shall notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) any time corporal punishment is used.

17 A disciplinary record shall be maintained and shall contain the name of the student, the type of  
 18 misconduct, the type of corporal punishment administered, the name of the person administering the  
 19 punishment, the name of the witness present, and the date and time of punishment.

20 Disciplinary records shall be filed in the school office and made available to parent(s)/guardian(s) or  
 21 students, whichever is appropriate.

22 The Director of Schools shall develop administrative procedures to implement this policy, including  
 23 applicable recordkeeping and reporting requirements.

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Legal References

1. TCA 49-6-4103; TCA 49-6-4104; TCA 49-6-4402;  
Public Acts of 2018, Chapter No. 900

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Cross References

Code of Behavior and Discipline 6.300  
Student Records 6.600