

Greene County Board of Education

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

- 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 reasonable;
- 9 4. Corporal punishment shall be administered in the presence of another professional employee;
10 and
- 11 5. The nature of the punishment shall be such that it is in proportion to the gravity of the offense,
12 the apparent motive and disposition of the offender, and the influence of the offender's example
13 and conduct on others.

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

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

19 If a parent and/or guardian submit a written request to a principal, assistant principal or teacher that their
20 child/guardian not be administered corporal punishment, the wishes of the parent/guardian shall be
21 honored.

22 Alternative methods of discipline may be utilized and may include requesting that the parent/guardian
23 pick the student up at school.

Legal References

1. TCA 49-6-4103; TCA 49-6-4104

Cross References

Code of Behavior and Discipline 6.300
Student Records 6.600

Procedure References

Discipline Report for Corporal Punishment
6.314 Exhibit A
Request for Alternative Discipline 6.314
Exhibit B