

# Elizabethton Board of Education

Monitoring:  <b>Review: Annually, in April</b>	Descriptor Term:  <h2 style="text-align: center;">Corporal Punishment</h2>	Descriptor Code: <b>6.314</b>	Issued Date: <b>08/21/18</b>
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1 Any principal or assistant principal may use corporal punishment in a reasonable manner against a  
 2 student for good cause in order to maintain discipline and order within the public schools in accordance  
 3 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.
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- 8       2. The instrument to be used shall be approved by the principal.
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- 10      3. Corporal punishment shall be administered in the presence of another professional employee.
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- 12      4. 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
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- 17      5. The principal shall notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) before corporal punishment is used.

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

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

23 The Director of Schools shall develop administrative procedures to implement this policy, including  
 24 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 Conduct 6.300  
Student Records 6.600