

Decatur County Board of Education

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

- 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. Corporal punishment and the instrument to be used in administering corporal punishment shall
 9 be approved and witnessed by the principal. The teacher and/or the principal may administer the
 10 corporal punishment;
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- 12 3. Corporal punishment shall be reasonable and shall not be administered maliciously or for the
 13 purpose of revenge;
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- 15 4. Corporal punishment shall be administered in the presence of another professional employee.
 16 Punishment in no case shall be administered in the presence of peers; and
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- 18 5. The nature of the punishment will be such that it is in proportion to the gravity of the offense, the
 19 apparent motive and disposition of the offender, and the influence of the offender's example and
 20 conduct on others.

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

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

Legal References

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

Cross References

- Discipline Procedures 6.313
 Student Records 6.600-604