

## CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

Good conduct is based on respect and consideration for the rights of others. Students will be expected to conduct themselves in such a way that the rights of others are not violated. Students will respect constituted authority, conform with school regulations and accept directions from authorized school personnel. School personnel will be expected to provide students with an example of appropriate behavior and social attitudes.

A student who fails to comply with established school rules or with any reasonable request made by school personnel on school property and/or at school related events will be dealt with according to approved student discipline regulations.

Since Ohio law allows boards of education to ban the use of corporal punishment and this Board does not believe such punishment to be suitable, corporal punishment shall not be used as a form of discipline in the District. The Board expects the administration, faculty and staff to use every other form of discipline, counseling and referral, including communication and meetings with the parent(s)/guardian(s) to promote appropriate, positive behavior.

It is, however, understood that teachers, principals, administrators and support staff are allowed by law to use "such amount of force and restraint as is reasonable and necessary to quell a disturbance threatening physical injury to others, to obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects, for the purpose of self-defense, or for the protection of persons or property."

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