

~~The only acceptable form of corporal punishment is paddling on the buttocks. Teachers should never correct a child by grabbing him or her unless the health or safety of the student or another person or persons is in danger.~~

~~Any form of corporal punishment must meet the standards of reasonableness and moderation. To achieve reasonableness, the teacher should consider the size, age, sex, physical condition, and mental state of the student before paddling. Moderation depends on the size and type of instrument used to administer the paddling, the force applied, the part of the body struck, and the number of "licks" or "blows" involved.~~

~~Another very important component is the mental state of the teacher. A teacher should never administer a paddling if he or she is angry or emotionally upset with the student or with something else prior to paddling a child.~~

The Board of Education prohibits corporal punishment, believing other consequences are more appropriate and effective for teaching self control. No employee, student teacher or volunteer may use corporal punishment with any student. The use of reasonable force as permitted by law, including force necessary to protect oneself or others, is not considered corporal punishment.

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