

Disciplinary - Preference Form 2020-21 School Year

Please complete this form and return it to the school by Friday, August 28, 2020 indicating your preference in this regard.

_____ ***I do give permission for corporal punishment to be administered against my child as a disciplinary consequence.***

_____ ***I do not give permission for corporal punishment to be administered against my child as a disciplinary consequence.***

Your Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____
Print Full Name

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____ Date: _____
Print Full Name

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Board Policy 6.314 – Corporal Punishment

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

- A student's parent(s) or guardian(s) shall be given an opportunity to express a preference as to whether corporal punishment may or may not be administered against the student. Such preference shall be expressed on a written disciplinary preference form designated by the Director of Schools and sent to parents and guardians by school principals at the beginning of the school year. A parent or guardian may change a previously stated preference by completing and submitting a new form;
- Corporal punishment may be administered against a student only if the school has received a disciplinary-preference form for the current school year signed by the student's parent or guardian authorizing the school to administer corporal punishment against the student;
- Corporal punishment shall be administered only after other less stringent measures or behavior modifications have failed;
- The instrument to be used shall be approved by the director of schools by administrative directive;
- Corporal punishment shall be administered in the presence of another professional employee, preferably the principal or assistant principal; the preferred site is in the office area;
- An attempt shall be made to notify the student's parents or guardians prior to administering corporal punishment; the parents or guardians shall be invited to witness the administration of the punishment;
- The nature of the punishment shall be such that it is in proportion to the gravity of the offense, the apparent motive and disposition of the student, and the influence of the student's example and conduct on others;
- If a student has a disability, corporal punishment shall be administered only when the school has received written parental permission. The parental permission must include the type of corporal punishment that is allowed and the circumstances under which it is permitted. This information will be kept on file at the school. It may be revoked at any time; and
- The principal shall notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) any time corporal punishment is used.

A disciplinary record shall be maintained and shall contain the name of the student, the type of misconduct, the type of corporal punishment administered, the name of the person administering the punishment, the name of the witness present, and the date and time of punishment. Disciplinary records shall be filed in the school office and made available to parent(s)/guardian(s) or students, whichever is appropriate.