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Each teacher is held responsible for the discipline within his/her room or class. The Alexander City Board of Education permits the use of corporal punishment (padding) by school administrators as a last resort and under the following conditions:

1. The student has been notified of the offense for which he/she is to receive corporal punishment, and the student has been given an opportunity to explain his/her actions;
1. The punishment is administered by the school principal or his/her designee and witnessed by a certified school employee;
1. The punishment is administered out of view of any other students;
1. The use of corporal punishment shall at all times be reasonable and proper and must not be severe enough to cause bodily injury to the student;
1. All cases of corporal punishment shall be documented by both the person administering the punishment and the witness;
1. Documentation shall be filed in the principal's office;
1. Parents/guardians shall be notified that their child has received corporal punishment; and;

1. Corporal punishment shall consist of no more than three (3) licks administered to the buttocks with a smooth surface paddle free of holes and/or cracks.

A student's parent/guardian may make a written request that his/her child be exempted from corporal punishment and that an alternative punishment be given that is acceptable to the principal. If an alternative is acceptable to the principal but is not effective, the use of corporal punishment may be reinstated with or without the student's parent's/guardian's consent. Not student is required to submit to corporal punishment.

Discipline of a student with disabilities shall be determined on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and the student's IEP.

REFERENCE(S):

CODE OF ALABAMA

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