

Safe and Orderly Schools

Policy: 6029

Section: 6000 – Students

I. Policy Statement

A. This policy is enacted to create a safe and orderly school for students, staff and patrons at school and school sponsored activities. It is the policy of South Summit School District to promote a safe and orderly school environment for all students and employees. Accordingly, the District holds all students, employees, and other adults to the highest standards of behavior on school grounds and during school sponsored activities. Criminal acts or disruptive behavior of any kind will not be tolerated and any individual who engages in such activity will be subject to school disciplinary action, prosecution, or both. This policy provides guidance for the appropriate handling of any situation that:

1. Could place students, staff, or patrons, at risk of harm or in imminent danger and
2. Acts of disobedience, defiance, violence or criminal behavior such as: physical assault; possession, display, or use of a weapon or facsimile; threats against life or property; gang activity that places any person at risk or harm or in imminent danger; distribution, possession, or use of alcohol or controlled substances; or any other act that creates a hostile environment or requires a law enforcement investigation are prohibited in all South Summit School District schools. These acts are prohibited on school grounds, to and from school, at school-sanctioned activities (including summer, weekend, and after school hours activities), or when students are being transported in vehicles dispatched by the district.

II. Corporal Punishment

A. A school employee may not inflict or cause the infliction of corporal punishment upon a student.

Utah Admin. Rules R277-608-7 (March 10, 2025)

~~Utah Code § 53G-8-301(5)(a) (2025)~~

- ~~B.~~ The term “corporal punishment” means the intentional infliction of physical pain upon the body of a student as a disciplinary measure.

~~Utah Code § 53G-8-301(1)(a) (2025)~~

- ~~B.~~ When an employee uses corporal punishment on a student, the school shall take prompt and appropriate action, including appropriate disciplinary action against the employee and appropriate in-service training or other administrative action for staff.

III. Limitation

- A. This policy does not restrict the use of physical contact which is considered to be reasonable discipline for purposes of behavior reduction intervention and which is also in compliance with state regulations and District policies adopted pursuant to Utah Code § 53E-7-204~~Utah Code § 53E-7-204~~ regarding provision of education for students with disabilities.

~~Utah Code § 53E-7-204 (2022)~~

IV. Board review of school discipline rules

- A. Each school shall file a copy of its school discipline rules and procedures with the Board within thirty days after adoption of the rules and procedures. The Board shall review the rules and procedures filed by each school and may require the school to modify any rule or procedure that is not consistent with Board policy or state statutes on discipline in the public schools.

~~Utah Code § 53G-8-202 (2019)~~

~~Utah Code § 53G-8-203 (2025)~~

Legal References:

Utah Admin. Rules R277-608

Utah Code § 53G-8-202

Utah Code § 53G-8-203

Utah Code § 53E-7-204

Utah Code § 53G-8-301

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