

OSBA Model Sample Policy

Code: JGA
Adopted:

Corporal Punishment**

{Optional policy. While State law prohibits the use of corporal punishment, having a policy which states this is optional.}

The use of corporal punishment in any form is strictly prohibited in the district. No student will be subject to the infliction of corporal punishment.

“Corporal punishment” is defined as the willful infliction of, or willfully causing the infliction of, physical pain. Corporal punishment does not include the use of physical force authorized in ORS 161.205 (2), (4) or (5) for the reasons specified therein, or physical pain or discomfort resulting from or caused by participation in athletic competition or other such recreational activity, voluntarily engaged in by a student.

No teacher, administrator, other school personnel or school volunteer will subject a student to corporal punishment or condone the use of corporal punishment by any person under their supervision or control. Permission to administer corporal punishment will not be sought or accepted from any parent or school official.

A parent or legal guardian of a minor child may use reasonable physical force upon the minor child when and to the extent the person reasonably believes the physical force is necessary to maintain discipline or promote the welfare of the minor child, unless the physical force constitutes abuse as defined in ORS 418.257 or 419B.005.

A staff member is authorized to employ reasonable physical force upon a student ~~when and~~ only to the extent that the application of physical force is consistent with ORS 339.285 - 339.303 and is not corporal punishment as defined in ORS 339.250(9). Physical force shall not be used to discipline or punish a student.

A staff member found in violation of this policy may be subject to discipline up to and including dismissal. A volunteer found in violation of this policy by administration may be subject to sanctions and/or prohibited from volunteer service in the district.

The superintendent shall inform all staff members and volunteers of this policy.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 161.205](#)
[ORS 332.107](#)
[ORS 339.240](#)

[ORS 339.250](#)

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