
PROHIBITING CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

- (1) Corporal punishment is hereby prohibited in the school district.
- (2) If a pupil is subjected to corporal punishment, then the person who imposed the corporal punishment must, within two school days, report the event in writing to that person's administrator. This report shall set forth the name of the student, the date of the event and the facts surrounding the event. A copy of the report shall be forwarded to the parents or guardian of the pupil within two school days after the receipt by the administrator. An investigation shall be conducted by the administrator and a written report submitted to the superintendent and the clerk of the Board of Education within seven school days of the receipt of the report.
- (3) Any complaint about the use of corporal punishment by personnel of the school district shall be investigated by the superintendent or the superintendent's designee. When a complaint is received, it shall be placed in writing, stating among other things, the name of the complainant, the student involved, the date of the event, the name of the particular school employee involved in the event and a description of the circumstances of the event as well as any witnesses to the event. Within seven school days of the receipt of the written complaint, the superintendent shall forward to the clerk of the Board of Education a report of the event, indicating as to whether the bylaw of the Board of Education has been violated and any recommended action.
- (4) The superintendent shall file a written semiannual report to the Commissioner of Education by January 15th and July 15th of each year, setting forth the substance of each complaint about the use of corporal punishment received by the school district during the reporting period, the results of the investigation, and any action, if any, taken by the school district in each case. The superintendent shall advise the Board of Education at the next meeting following each January 15th and July 15th whether such a report was or was not filed and, if such a report was filed, the substance of the report.
- (5) The phrase corporal punishment as used in this bylaw is defined as follows:
 - (3) Corporal punishment. (i) The term corporal punishment shall mean any act of physical force upon a pupil for the purpose of punishing that pupil. Such term shall not mean the use of reasonable physical force for any of the following purposes:
 - (a) to protect oneself from physical injury;
 - (b) to protect another pupil or teacher or any other person from physical injury;
 - (c) to protect the property of the school or of others; or
 - (d) to restrain or remove a pupil whose behavior is interfering with the orderly exercise and performance of school district functions, powers or duties, if that pupil has refused to comply with a request to refrain from further

disruptive acts; provided that alternative procedures and methods not involving the use of physical force cannot reasonably be employed to achieve the purposes set forth in clauses (a) through (d) of this subparagraph.

Ref: Board of Regents Section 19.5
8 NYCRR 100.29(1)(3)

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