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POLICY 6450

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When, in the principal's judgment, all other remedies for discipline with a student have been exercised and corporal punishment is in order, the principal must contact the parents/guardians in advance to inform them of the reasons for corporal punishment and the other measures taken in advance to correct chronic misbehavior.

The parent/guardian will have the right to deny corporal punishment with the understanding that the student will be suspended for the following day(s).

The parent/guardian may request to be present for the corporal punishment at the principal's discretion. The discipline must be administered no later than twenty-four hours following due process with the student and notification to the parent/guardian. If the parent/guardian requests to be present, but does not appear, the student will be suspended for the following day(s) in lieu of corporal punishment. The parent/guardian will be contacted and informed of the decision to suspend.

The principal must follow all policy guidelines for providing written documentation to the parent/guardian regarding the student's discipline within forty-eight hours after administration of corporal punishment. The principal must inform the superintendent in advance of the administration of corporal punishment, provide the rationale for the decision and inform as to whether or not the parent has opted to be present.

The principal must have a witness (administrator or teacher) present in addition to the parent/guardian and conduct the discipline out of the view of other students and school patrons.

The principal must balance the age and size of the student with the degree of force and number of "swats" given to the student. No student will receive more than three "swats" at any time when corporal punishment is administered.

Corporal punishment will be offered as a one-time-only option to suspension in a given semester.

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