

Guidelines for the Administration of Corporal Punishment

Corporal punishment is the moderate use of physical force or physical contact by a teacher or principal as may be necessary to maintain discipline or to enforce a school rule.

Corporal punishment should be used as a last resort. It shall never be used as a first line of punishment for misbehavior unless the pupil was informed beforehand that specific misbehavior could occasion its use.

Corporal punishment shall be moderate and reasonable but not be excessive or unduly severe. It shall be administered with a proper instrument.

Very great care should be exercised when administering corporal punishment, especially on female students. Where possible a female should administer corporal punishment on female students.

The principal shall administer corporal punishment and when necessary delegate to the deputy principal or senior teacher where applicable, such authority. The principal must declare who are the designees.

The student must be informed beforehand of the reason for punishment.

All corporal punishment must be recorded in the punishment book.

Corporal punishment shall not be administered to a child whose parents or legal guardian has upon the day of enrollment of the pupil filed with the principal of the school a statement from a medical doctor saying that it is detrimental to the child's mental or emotional stability.