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1 Any principal, assistant principal, or any teacher with the approval of the principal may use corporal
 2 punishment in a reasonable manner against a student for good cause in order to maintain discipline and
 3 order within the public schools in accordance with the following guidelines:¹

- 4 ~~1. Corporal punishment shall be administered only after other less stringent measures have failed~~
 5 ~~or if the conduct of a student is of such nature that corporal punishment is the only reasonable~~
 6 ~~form of punishment under the circumstances;~~
 7 Corporal punishment shall be administered only after other less stringent measures have failed
 8 or if the conduct of a student is of such nature that corporal punishment is the only reasonable
 9 form of punishment under the circumstances. Prior to administering the punishment, the
 10 student's teacher or principal shall document that he/she has:
 11 a. Acted to address the student's behavior;
 12 b. Provided consequences to the student to address the behavior;
 13 c. Consulted with the student's parent/guardian; and
 14 d. Considered the need to conduct an evaluation to determine whether the student has a
 15 disability per federal law.²
 16 2. The instrument to be used shall be approved by the principal;
 17 3. ~~Only principals, assistant principals, or teachers with the approval of the principal are~~
 18 ~~authorized to administer corporal punishment;~~
 19 4. Corporal punishment shall be administered in the presence of another professional employee;
 20 5. The nature of the punishment shall be such that it is in proportion to the gravity of the offense,
 21 the apparent motive and disposition of the student, and the influence of the student's example
 22 and conduct on others;
 23 6. If a student has a disability, corporal punishment shall be administered only when the school
 24 has received written parental permission. The parental permission must include the type of
 25 corporal punishment that is allowed and the circumstances under which it is permitted. This
 26 information will be kept on file at the school. It may be revoked at any time; and
 27 7. The principal shall notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) any time corporal punishment is used.

28 A disciplinary record shall be maintained and shall contain the name of the student, the type of
 29 misconduct, the type of corporal punishment administered, the name of the person administering the
 30 punishment, the name of the witness present, and the date and time of punishment.

31 Disciplinary records shall be filed in the school office and made available to parent(s)/guardian(s) or
 32 students, whichever is appropriate.

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