

**RESOLUTION 26-013 – Approval of Amended Board Policy-KG-Use of MESD Facilities**

**Background:** This policy prohibits the use of corporal punishment in any form and affirms MESD’s commitment to a safe and respectful learning environment. It defines corporal punishment consistent with Oregon law and clarifies that only statutorily authorized physical force may be used, and never as a form of discipline.

The policy also aligns with state laws governing restraint and seclusion and outlines consequences for violations by staff or volunteers. The Superintendent is responsible for ensuring all personnel are informed of these requirements.

This policy supports student safety, professional standards, and legal compliance.

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**WHEREAS**, the Multnomah Education Service District Board of Directors Policy Committee reviewed and discussed Board Policy JGA-Corporal Punishment;

**WHEREAS**, the Multnomah Education Service District Board of Directors Policy Committee recommends the Board adopt Board Policy JGA-Corporal Punishment;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Board Policy JGA-Corporal Punishment is approved as written or as further modified.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if no further discussion is required, Board Policy JGA-Corporal Punishment is approved as proposed and does not require a second reading.

# Multnomah Education Service District

JGA

Adopted: 9/20/94

Revised/Readopted: 5/21/13; 3/17/26

## Corporal Punishment\*\*

The use of corporal punishment in any form is strictly prohibited by MESD. No student shall 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 MESD personnel or MESD volunteer shall subject a student to corporal punishment or condone the use of corporal punishment by any person under his/her supervision or control. Permission to administer corporal punishment shall not be sought or accepted from any parent/guardian, person in a parental relationship or MESD official.

~~A staff member is authorized to employ reasonable physical force upon a student when, only to the extent that the application of physical force is consistent with ORS 339.285-339.303 and is not in his/her professional judgment, the physical force is necessary to prevent a student from harming self, others or doing harm to MESD property, 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 is authorized to employ reasonable physical guidance and restraint upon a student only to the extent that such force is consistent with ORS 339.285-339.303 and is not corporal punishment as defined in ORS 339.250(9). Physical guidance and restraint shall not be used to discipline or punish a student. The use of any restraint or seclusion as a behavioral intervention shall be governed by Board Policy JGAB – Use of Restraint and Seclusion and its accompanying administrative regulation.

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 MESD.

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

END OF POLICY

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### Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 161.205](#)

[ORS 339.240](#)

[ORS 339.250](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075](#)

[OAR 584-020-0040](#)

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**MESD Cross Reference:**

JB - Equal Educational Opportunity  
JFCA - Student Dress and Grooming\*\*  
JFCB - Care of School Property by Students\*\*  
JFCC - Student Conduct on Buses  
JFCF - Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying/Menacing/ Cyberbullying/Teen Dating Violence - Students  
JFCJ - Weapons in the District  
JFG - Student Searches and Questioning\*\*  
JFH - Student Complaints  
JGB - Detention of Students\*\*  
JGDA/JGEA - Discipline of Students with Disabilities\*\*  
JGE - Expulsion\*\*