

STUDENT SERVICES

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CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

1. No student shall be subjected to corporal punishment by any teacher, administrator or other person employed by Charlottesville City Schools.
2. For the purposes of this regulation, "corporal punishment" means the infliction of, or causing the infliction of, physical pain on a student as a means of discipline. This definition shall not include physical pain or discomfort caused by participation in practice or competition in an interscholastic sport, or participation in physical education or an extracurricular activity.
3. This prohibition does not prohibit the use of incidental, minor or reasonable physical contact or other actions designed to maintain order and control or the use of reasonable and necessary force:
 - to quell a disturbance or remove a student from the scene of a disturbance which threatens physical injury to person or damage to property;
 - to prevent a student from inflicting physical harm on himself;
 - for self-defense or the defense of others; or
 - to obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects or controlled substances or paraphernalia which are upon the person of the student or within his control.
4. This definition shall not include physical pain, injury or discomfort caused by the use of incidental, minor or reasonable physical contact or other actions designed to maintain order and control, or the use of reasonable and necessary force as permitted by section 22.1-279.1 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.
5. Principals shall provide training regarding the prohibition of corporal punishment to all new employees.

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