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PROHIBITION OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

The use of corporal punishment as a disciplinary procedure in the schools negatively affects the social, educational, and psychological development of students and reinforces the misconception that hitting is an appropriate and effective technique to discipline children. In addition, corporal punishment as a disciplinary technique can be easily abused and thereby contribute to the cycle of child abuse.

Research indicates that corporal punishment is ineffective in teaching new positive behaviors that a variety of positive and effective alternatives are available to maintain school discipline, and that children learn more appropriate problem-solving behaviors when provided with the necessary models.

For these reasons, therefore, the use of corporal punishment in the Douglas County School District is prohibited.

References: (1) NRS 392.465 & NRS 392.467
(2) National Assn. of School Psychologists

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