

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

The use of corporal punishment in the East Ramapo Central School District is expressly prohibited.

Corporal punishment, for the purposes of this policy, is defined as the use of physical force upon a student by a school district administrator, teacher, or any other school district personnel as punishment for an act or omission by such student.

This policy does not, however, prohibit the use of reasonable physical force for nonpunitive purposes in the exercise of lawful supervisory authority over students or school district property as follows:

1. for the purpose of self defense;
2. to prevent physical injury to a student or any other person;
3. to protect school property or the property of others;
4. to restrain temporarily or remove a student whose behavior is disrupting the orderly exercise and performance of school district functions, powers or duties and who refuses, upon request, to refrain from doing so.

In the event a situation involving the use of physical force does occur, in compliance with the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, the following reporting procedures will be followed:

1. The teacher or staff member involved shall notify the Superintendent of Schools or his designee immediately, followed by a written report shortly thereafter.
2. The report shall relate all applicable details of the incident, including what action was taken, why the action was taken, and what measures, if any, have been taken to prevent the need for such action.
3. The report will be kept on file and made available to the parent upon request.
4. The parent shall be afforded the opportunity to request a conference with the student, teacher and administrator(s) involved in the incident to discuss the situation.

The Superintendent shall submit to the Commissioner of Education a written report on corporal punishment complaints. The report shall set forth the substance of each complaint, the results of investigations of those complaints and the resulting action taken. Such reports shall be submitted on or before January 15 and July 15 of each year.

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Ref: 8 NYCRR §100.2(1)(3)
Penal Law §35.10

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