

Jackson-Madison County Board of Education

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1 When working with students, a principal may use corporal punishment/paddling in a reasonable manner
2 for good cause in order to maintain discipline and order within the public schools¹ in accordance with
3 the following guidelines:²

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5 1. Corporal punishment/paddling shall be administered only after other less stringent measures have
6 failed;
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8 2. The principal shall contact a parent or guardian prior to each instance of the administration of
9 corporal punishment/paddling;
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11 3. Corporal punishment/paddling shall be reasonable;
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13 4. Corporal punishment/paddling shall be administered in the presence of another licensed employee;
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16 5. The nature of the punishment will be such that it is in proportion to the gravity of the offense
17 and the apparent disposition of the offender.

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19 For each administration of corporal punishment/paddling, the principal shall complete a corporal pun-
20 ishment/paddling record form developed by the director of schools. Such form shall contain the name
21 of the student, the type of misconduct, previous disciplinary measures used, parent contact informa-
22 tion, the type of corporal punishment/paddling administered, the name of the person administering the
23 punishment, the name of the witness present and the date and time of punishment. Within twenty-four
24 (24) hours of the administration of corporal punishment/paddling, a copy of the corporal punishment/
25 paddling report shall be submitted to the director of schools and a copy shall be mailed to the parent
26 or guardian. The report shall be filed in the school office and made available to the parent or student,
27 whichever is appropriate.³

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29 A parent or guardian may indicate in writing that corporal punishment/paddling may not be administered.
30 This document must be kept in the student's record until withdrawn by the parent or guardian.

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Legal References:

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- 38 1. TCA 49-6-4103; *Ingraham v. Wright*, 430 U.S. 651 (1977)
- 39 2. TCA 49-6-4104
- 40 3. TCA 10-7-504(b)
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Discipline Procedures 6.313
Student Records 6.600-604