
**CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS**

BOARD POLICY JGA: CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

I. State Regulations:

- A. COMAR 13A.08.01.11.A: Each local board of education is required to adopt a set of regulations designed to maintain an atmosphere of order and discipline necessary for effective learning. These regulations should provide for counseling and standards for appropriate disciplinary measures, and may permit suspension, or expulsion.
- B. COMAR 13A.08.01.11.E: Corporal punishment may not be used to discipline a student in a public school in the State of Maryland.

II. Carroll County Public Schools' Regulations:

Corporal punishment may not be used to discipline a student in a Carroll County Public School, on Carroll County Public Schools property, or at a Carroll County Public School sponsored activity. Persons of authority who inflict corporal punishment on a student will be:

- A. Reported to appropriate agencies for investigation of possible child abuse
- B. Subject to Disciplinary Action

III. Definitions:

- A. Person of authority is a Carroll County Public Schools' employee or volunteer.
- B. Corporal punishment means physical punishment used by a person of authority to correct student misbehavior. Approved behavioral interventions, such as defending one's self from an attack, approved methods of physical restraint, or intervening in student fight or physical struggle are not considered corporal punishment.

IV. Implementation

- A. Corporal punishment inflicted:

1. Use of corporal punishment shall be immediately reported to the principal who shall immediately report it to the Director of Student Services and the appropriate elementary, middle, or high school director. The Director of Student Services is responsible for notifying the Director of Human Resources and assistant superintendent(s).
 2. The principal will follow the Carroll County Public Schools' staff/student relationship regulations in handling incidents of a Carroll County Public Schools' employee inflicting corporal punishment on a student.
 3. In addition, if there is a reason to believe child abuse has occurred, the Carroll County Public Schools' child abuse regulations shall be followed.
 4. Employees of Carroll County Public Schools who have knowledge of the infliction of corporal punishment but fail to report it will be disciplined as appropriate.
- B. If a child is injured as the result of an approved behavioral intervention by a person of authority, school-based administrators should:
1. Request the teacher to document the incident, including the activities both preceding and following the incident.
 2. Notify the parents of the student who attacked the staff member to inform them of the incident as well as any disciplinary consequences for the student.
 3. Notify the Director of Student Services and the appropriate elementary, middle, or high school director. The Director of Student Services is responsible for notifying the Director of Human Resources of the incident. If the incident occurs during non-school hours, a phone call should be made the next school day unless the situation requires immediate advisement.
 4. Submit a detailed written report of the incident to the Superintendent's office and the Director's office as soon as possible.