

	MURFREESBORO CITY SCHOOL BOARD POLICY		
	Descriptor Term: CORPORAL PUNISHMENT	Descriptor Number: STU 27	Date Adopted: 4/79
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Corporal punishment shall not be used as a disciplinary measure in any school.

The use of reasonable physical force will not be considered corporal punishment in the following situations:

1. For the purpose of self-defense.
2. To protect other persons from physical injury.
3. To protect property of the school or others; or
4. To remove a student if the student refuses to comply with requests to refrain from disruptive behavior.

When physical force is used, the teacher and principal shall file a written report with the Director of Schools immediately. The report shall contain all relevant details of the incident and will be kept on file and made available to the parents upon request. The parent may request a conference to discuss the incident with the student, teacher, and administrator (principal, assistant principal, principal designee) involved.

The Director of Schools shall be responsible for developing and implementing in-service training programs for teachers and staff in the use of positive measures of discipline.

Legal Reference:

T.C.A. 10-7-504(b)