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SCHOOL POLICY ON CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

REGULATORY AFFAIRS



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Corporal Punishment Policy

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- (A) No person employed or engaged as a teacher, principal, administrator, non-licensed school employee, or bus driver in AJHAE may inflict or cause to be inflicted corporal punishment as a means of discipline upon a pupil attending the school.
- (B) A person employed or otherwise engaged as a teacher, principal, or administrator at AEE, except as otherwise provided by the governing authority, may inflict or cause to be inflicted reasonable corporal punishment upon a pupil attending the school to which the person is assigned whenever such punishment is reasonably necessary to preserve discipline while the student is subject to school authority.
- (C) Persons employed or engaged as teachers, principals, or administrators at AEE, and non-licensed school employees and school bus drivers may, within the scope of their employment, use and apply such amount of force and restraint as is reasonable and necessary to quell a disturbance threatening physical injury to others, to obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects upon the person or within the control of the pupil, for the purpose of self-defense, or for the protection of persons or property.
- (D) Any form of physical restraint that involves the intentional, knowing, or reckless use of any technique that involves the use of pinning down a student by placing knees to the torso, head, and/or neck of the student should not be employed.
- (E) AJHAE staff members are not to use any physical restraints for which they have not been trained by the district, including aversive behavioral. Interventions (i.e.: fights amongst students). The district will provide training in restraint and seclusion to a number of staff members that can assist in such duty when needed.
- (F) AJHAE will complete an incident Report (including involved staff, students, parents...) to evaluate the trigger of the incident, staff response, and methods to address the student's behavioral needs, including disciplinary consequences recommended.