



CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

Applicable North Carolina General Statutes Code Sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 115C-288: Powers and Duties of Principals • 115C-390.3: Reasonable Force • 115C-390.4: Corporal Punishment • 115C-391.4: Permissible Use Seclusion and Restraint.
Individuals Permitted to Discipline Students	Principals, teachers, and other school personnel.
Reasonable Force	Authorized individuals may use reasonable force in the exercise of lawful authority to restrain or correct pupils and maintain order. Local school boards may not prohibit the use of such force but are allowed to adopt policies governing the administration of corporal punishment.
Corporal Punishment	<p>If a school board permits corporal punishment, the following policies must be adopted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other students may not be present during the punishment; • Only a principal, assistant principal, or teacher may administer the punishment and it must be in the presence of one of those authorized adults. • Notification of the punishment must be given to the student’s parents; • Record of the corporal punishment must be kept at the school; • No excessive force may be used (excessive force is that which causes an injury requiring medical attention beyond simple first aid). • Corporal punishment may not be used on a student whose parents have stated in writing that corporal punishment may not be administered. Note: Since Flaming Sword Christian Academy is a private school, parents who do not agree with this form of punishment for their student will be denied admittance. • Each year the local school board must send a report to the State Board of Education regarding the number of times corporal punishment was used.

Defiant: Full of or showing a disposition to challenge, resist, or fight.

FSCA views corporal punishment as a deterrent for negative defiant behaviors. FSCA believes for every negative behavior their needs to be a strict negative consequence to eliminate those defiant behaviors. Corporal punishment serves as a last resort and replaces the traditional student suspension or expulsion consequences option.

Student Disciplinary Guidelines:

1. Academic Instructors will use positive reinforcements and negative consequences within the classrooms, to try and control negative defiant behavior(s).
2. Negative defiant behavior(s) that cannot be controlled by the academic instructor(s) will be reported to the Academy Director and to the student’s parent(s) via email.
3. When three incidences of the same defiant negative behavior have occurred, corporal punishment will be implemented. (Please note: Parent will be notified via email each time the child has defiant behavior(s)).
4. Please note: For extreme cases (assault, bodily injury, weapons, threats, etc.) corporal punishment will be administered immediately.

Corporal Punishment Guideline:

1. The CEO, OPSO, and Academy Director are the only administrators authorized to administer corporal punishment. One of the administrators will administer the corporal punishment and one of the other administrators will serve as a witness.

2. The student will be counseled on their negative defiant behavior(s) and why corporal punishment is used for those negative defiant behaviors.
3. The student will receive three strikes with an authorized paddle in the legal striking zone, per North Carolina regulation code 115C-390.4.
4. Upon completion, the student will be given time to compose themselves, talk with an administrator about future decision-making tactics, and how to avoid corporal punishment from occurring again, before being sent back to class.
5. The parent will be electronically notified via gradelink email that corporal punishment was administered.

I acknowledge and understand the CEO/OPSO/ or Academy Director may deliver corporal punishment if it should become necessary in the administration's opinion. As a parent, I will be notified through email with a Disciplinary Action report (DAR) by the end of the day of the incident. (Please note: This page must be signed for consideration for admittance)

Parent Signature / Date

Student Signature / Date