

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear standards governing the prohibition of corporal punishment and the lawful use of physical restraint in accordance with Utah State Code §53G-8-302. This policy is intended to safeguard students, guide employee conduct, support effective crisis response, and ensure accountability through consistent documentation and oversight.

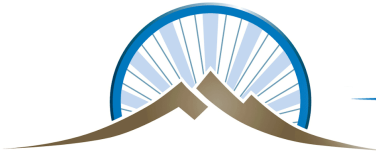
POLICY

In compliance with the provisions of Utah State Code 53G-8-302,

1. A school employee may not inflict or cause the infliction of corporal punishment upon a student.
2. A school employee may, when acting within the scope of employment, use reasonable and necessary physical restraint in self-defense or when otherwise appropriate under the following circumstances:
 - a. To protect a student or another individual from physical injury,
 - b. To obtain possession of a weapon or other dangerous object in the possession or under the control of a student,
 - c. To restrain or remove a student from a situation when the student is violent or disruptive, or is a danger to him/herself or others, or
 - d. To protect property from being damaged, when physical safety is at risk.
3. Nothing in this section prohibits a school employee from using less intrusive means, including a physical escort, to address circumstances described in Subsection (2).
4. Any rule, ordinance, policy, practice, or directive which purports to direct or permit the commission of an act prohibited by this part is void and unenforceable.
5. An employee may not be subjected to any sanction for failure or refusal to commit an act prohibited under this part.
6. When an employee exercises physical restraint on a student, the employee shall write a report outlining the incident and the reasons for the use of physical restraint within three (3) days following the incident. This report shall be filed with the Director, who then is responsible for sending a copy of the report to the Board. The original of the report shall be kept in the employee's file.
7. Relationship to Emergency Safety Intervention (ESI) and Least Restrictive Behavioral Interventions (LRBI)

Promontory School of Expeditionary Learning prohibits corporal punishment in all circumstances. However, consistent with Utah Codes and Utah State Board of Education Rule,

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the school recognizes that Emergency Safety Interventions (ESIs) may be used when a student presents an immediate danger to self or others.

Emergency Safety Interventions include physical restraint or seclusion and are governed by the school's Least Restrictive Behavioral Interventions (LRBI) Policy.

The following standards apply:

- a. a. Last Resort: ESIs may only be used when a student poses an immediate threat of serious physical harm to themselves or others and less restrictive interventions have failed or would be ineffective.
- b. b. Not Discipline: ESIs may not be used as punishment, discipline, coercion, retaliation, or for staff convenience.
- c. c. Trained Staff Only: Physical restraint or seclusion may only be implemented by school employees who have completed comprehensive ESI training, as required under Utah State Board of Education Rule R277-608.
- d. d. Least Restrictive Intervention: School employees must first attempt less restrictive interventions, including de-escalation strategies and physical escort when appropriate.
- e. e. Termination of Intervention: Any emergency safety intervention must stop immediately once the student is no longer an immediate danger.
- f. f. Documentation and Parent Notification: All uses of emergency safety interventions shall be documented and reported to parents and administration in accordance with the school's LRBI Policy and Utah State Board of Education requirements.
- g. g. Consistency with LRBI Policy: All procedures, reporting requirements, training requirements, and data collection related to ESIs are governed by the school's Least Restrictive Behavioral Interventions (LRBI) Policy.

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