

DISCIPLINE/CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

No teacher, principal or other person employed by the School Board shall subject a student to corporal punishment.

For the purposes of this section, "corporal punishment" means the infliction of, or causing the infliction of, physical pain on a student as a means of discipline. This definition shall not include physical pain or discomfort caused by participation in practice or competition in an interscholastic sport, or participation in physical education or an extracurricular activity.

In addition, this definition shall not include physical pain, injury or discomfort caused by the use of incidental, minor or reasonable physical contact or other actions designed to maintain order and control or the use of reasonable and necessary force as permitted by section 22.1-279.1 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

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Legal Refs: Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended, sections 22.1-70, 22.1-78, 22.1-279.1