



# Corporal Punishment

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“Corporal punishment is defined as the use, or attempted use, of physical force upon, or against a student, either intentionally or with reckless disregard for the student’s safety, as a punishment, or discipline.”

-District of Columbia  
Municipal Regulations  
Title V, Section 2403.1



# Prohibited Behavior



- Shoving
- Striking
- Grabbing
- Shaking
- Hitting
- Throwing Objects
- Unreasonable Restraint



# Notice from DCPS

If you are accused of corporal punishment you will receive:

- A phone call or email from DCPS Office of School Security requesting a date and time to interview you about the allegations AND/OR
- A letter from DCPS placing you on Administrative Leave or assigning you to Administrative detail and prohibiting you from entering onto DCPS property until the conclusion of the investigation



# Exceptions



- Self-defense
- Defense of others
- Protection of the educational environment
- Retaining or maintaining order



# Proving the Exceptions

To qualify for an exception, your actions must be:

1. Proportionate to the student's conduct
2. Least intrusive means of controlling the situation
3. Taken as a last resort after all other reasonable means have been exhausted



