

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT PROHIBITION

Corporal punishment may be used by the principal and/or assistant principal if specified as a potential consequence in the school's discipline policy and approved by the respective parent or guardian. Students and parents will be informed that corporal punishment is a disciplinary option if violations of school rules continue. In addition, there should be a reasonable determination that it will be effective. The age of the student should be considered in the determination.

Corporal punishment will be used only after other remedies such as detention, parent conference, counseling, etc. have been attempted, documented, and appear to be unsuccessful.

Due process procedures will be followed prior to utilizing corporal punishment.

The student will have the opportunity to present his or her side of the issue.

The student will be informed in advance of the reasons for the corporal punishment.

The student's parents or guardian will be notified prior to the administration of corporal punishment unless prior approval has been obtained.

Upon parental request, the discipline record of the corporal punishment will be provided.

The administrator will make a reasonable effort prior to utilizing corporal punishment to determine that a student has not been physically abused, nor has a medical or mental condition which may preclude such punishment.

Corporal punishment will be administered only by the principal or other designated school administrator and will be witnessed by another certificated school official. The witness will be informed beforehand of the reason for the punishment in the presence of the student.

Corporal punishment will be administered by use of a small paddle, applied to the buttocks in a controlled manner designed to be noninjurious and applied as a fair and judicious parent.

Any use of corporal punishment will be reported in writing to the Superintendent of Millwood Public Schools utilizing the Corporal Punishment Checklist.