



**Policy: 9.19**

**SUBJECT:**                    **CORPORAL PUNISHMENT**

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**1.0    Policy**

It is expected that teachers will maintain discipline by means other than the use of corporal punishment. Therefore, corporal punishment will not be used as a routine disciplinary measure.

A distinction, however, must be made between physical restraint, which is occasionally necessary to keep a student from injuring himself/herself or others, and corporal punishment, which is used to discourage repetition of misbehavior.

Punishment which, in the judgment of the General Superintendent is more severe than that which might be administered by a reasonable parent; which is cruel or excessive; which is more severe than is indicated by the gravity of the offense, or the apparent motive and disposition of the offender; which is excessive with respect to the sex, size, or physical strength of the pupil; which results in lasting pain or injury; or which is administered wantonly or from malice or passion, is prohibited in the Detroit public schools.

**Attachments to Policy 9.19:**                None

**See also:**                                        None

**Legal References:**    MCLA § 380.1312  
    MCLA § 380.1312(4)

**Labor Contract References:**                DFT