
CORPORAL PUNISHMENT POLICY

Sage Oak Charter Schools (“School”) adopts this Corporal Punishment Policy to establish that corporal punishment shall not be used as a disciplinary measure against any student. Corporal punishment includes the willful infliction of, or willfully causing the infliction of, physical pain on a student.

For purposes of this policy, corporal punishment does not include an employee’s use of force that is reasonable and necessary to protect the employee, students, staff or other persons or to prevent damage to property.

For clarification purposes, the following examples are offered for direction and guidance of School personnel:

A. Examples of PERMITTED actions

1. Stopping a student from fighting with another student;
2. Preventing a pupil from committing an act of vandalism;
3. Personal defense from physical injury or assault by a student;
4. Forcing a pupil to give up a weapon or dangerous object;
5. Engaging in group calisthenics, team drills, or other physical education or voluntary recreational activities.

B. Examples of PROHIBITED actions (corporal punishment)

1. Hitting, shoving, pushing, or physically restraining a student as a means of control;
2. Making unruly students do push-ups, run laps, or perform other physical acts that cause pain or discomfort as a form of punishment;
3. Paddling, swatting, slapping, grabbing, pinching, kicking, or otherwise causing physical pain.

Employees may be subject to discipline, up to and including termination, for violation of this policy.