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**EXPLANATION: CORPORAL PUNISHMENT**

**MSBA has revised this policy to reflect changes made to policy JGGA. Districts that are using a custom version of this policy that allows corporal punishment (which MSBA does not recommend) should ensure that this change gets made to the custom policy.**

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## CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

For the purposes of this policy, corporal punishment is the use of physical force as a method of correcting student behavior. No person employed by or volunteering on behalf of the district shall administer corporal punishment or cause corporal punishment to be administered upon a student attending district schools.

A staff member may, however, use reasonable physical force against a student for the protection of the student or other persons or to protect property. Restraint of students in accordance with the district's policy on student seclusion, isolation and restraint is not a violation of this policy.

*Note: ~~The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.~~ **Search the index for this section and the cross references to identify related policies, administrative procedures and forms.***

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Legal Refs: §§ 160.261, .263, 171.011, 563.061, RSMo.

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