

VIGO COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

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**CORPORAL PUNISHMENT**

The use of corporal punishment by a teacher or principal is governed by both state statutes and state and federal court decisions. The Board of School Trustees, in keeping with the above, establishes the following policy in regard to the use of corporal punishment:

1. Corporal punishment should never be employed as a first line of punishment for misbehavior "except for those acts of misconduct which are so anti-social or disruptive in nature as to shock the conscience."
2. The administering of corporal punishment must be by a certified staff member in the presence of the principal, or his/her designee, who must be informed beforehand and in the student's presence of the reason for the punishment.
3. A written report of such corporal punishment must be made to the Superintendent and to the parent or guardian by the teacher and principal administering the corporal punishment to the student. Said report shall also indicate the name of the school official (teacher or principal) who witnessed the corporal punishment.

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