

BIG HORN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER ONE  
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POLICIES AND REGULATIONS  
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**SUPERVISION OF STUDENT BEHAVIOR AND CORPORAL DISCIPLINE**

Every District staff member has the responsibility to assist in the overall supervision of student behavior. It is the staff member's duty to enforce the school policy, administrative regulations, and generally accepted discipline measures, not only in his/her classroom or assigned areas, but also in all other areas of school property at school activities.

When a District staff member deems it necessary, that staff member may use such physical force as may be reasonable and necessary to restrain or control a student, to exclude or remove a student from a classroom, school area, or school activity, or to escort a student to the principal's office or other appropriate area when:

1. the student, by his or her words or actions, is threatening or endangering himself or herself, other students, or District staff;
2. the student refuses to cooperate and comply with the reasonable direction of a staff member.

In any circumstance, a District staff member shall have the right of self defense.

Corporal Discipline

A positive approach to discipline is the preferable way to correct undesirable student behavior. There are times when reasonable corporal discipline is appropriate to punish undesirable student behavior. Reasonable corporal discipline may be used as an alternative to other forms of discipline. At the discretion of the building administrator, students may be given an option of either swats, detention or other disciplinary measures when deemed appropriate by the building administrator. Swats may be administered to the buttocks and no other part of the body. Hair-pulling, pinching, slapping and other forms of physical punishment are not acceptable corporal discipline.

When a student is given the option of either swats or other punishment and selects swats, the student shall be instructed to contact his or her parents or the principal may contact the student's parents and inform them of the nature of the misconduct and that the child has elected to receive swats rather than other punishment. The building principal, assistant principal, or his designee shall be the only persons authorized to administer corporal discipline. All corporal discipline shall be administered in the presence of another adult District employee.

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