

R277. Education, Administration.

R277-608. Prohibition of Corporal Punishment in Utah's Public Schools.

R277-608-1. Authority and Purpose.

(1) This rule is authorized by:

(a) Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3, which vests general control and supervision over public education in the Board;

(b) Subsection 53E-3-401(4), which allows the Board to make rules to execute the Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law; and

(c) Sections 53G-8-301 through 53G-8-305, which provide guidelines for the use of reasonable and necessary physical restraint or force in educational settings.

(2) The purpose of this rule is to direct LEAs to have policies in place that prohibit corporal punishment consistent with the law.

R277-608-2. Definitions.

(1) "Corporal punishment" means the intentional infliction of physical pain upon the body of a minor child as a disciplinary measure.

(2) "LEA" includes, for purposes of this rule, the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

R277-608-3. Reporting Requirements.

(1) Each LEA shall incorporate in the LEA plan submitted to the Superintendent annually, the prohibition of corporal punishment consistent with the law.

(2) An LEA policy shall include:

(a) a prohibition of corporal punishment consistent with the law;

(b) criteria and procedures for using appropriate behavior reduction intervention in accordance with federal and state law;

(c) appropriate sanctions for LEA employees who use corporal punishment; and

(d) appeal procedures for LEA employees disciplined for a violation of the LEA's policy.

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**Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: Art X Sec 3; 53E-3-401(4);
53G-8-301 through 305**