



**Instilling Accountability, Responsibility, Respect**

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## **Corporal Punishment Policy**

### **1. Purpose:**

- A. To implement state law regarding Corporal Punishment of students in the school.

### **2. Policy:**

- A. A CS Lewis Academy (CSLA) employee may not inflict or cause the infliction of corporal punishment upon a child who is receiving services from the school.
- B. This policy does not prohibit the use of reasonable and necessary physical restraint or force in self-defense or otherwise appropriate to the circumstances to:
  - a. Obtain possession of a weapon or other dangerous object in the possession or under the control of a child.
  - b. Protect the child or another person from physical injury.
  - c. Remove from a situation a child who is violent or disruptive.
  - d. Protect property from being damaged.

### **3. Procedure:**

- A. Definition: "Corporal punishment" means the intentional infliction of physical pain upon the body of a minor child as a disciplinary measure.
- B. Investigation of complaint - Confidentiality - Immunity.
  - a. The reporting and investigation requirements of Part 5, Chapter 4, Title 62A, Child Abuse Reporting, apply to complaints on corporal punishment.
  - b. If a violation is confirmed, school authorities shall take prompt and appropriate action, including in-service training and other administrative action to ensure against a repetition of the violation.



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- c. Reports made on violations of this policy are subject to the same requirements of confidentiality as provided under Section R277-608.
- d. Any individual who in good faith makes a report or cooperates in an investigation by a school or authorized public agency concerning a violation of this part is immune from any civil or criminal liability that might otherwise result by reason of those actions.
- e. Corporal punishment which would, but for this part, be considered to be reasonable discipline of a minor may not be used as a basis for any civil or criminal action. (House Bill 209, 1992 Legislature)

C. Exception: Behavior reduction interventions that are in compliance with state and local special education rules and regulations are excepted from this part as provided under Section 53A-11-705.