

## CHAPTER 5.00 - STUDENTS

### CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

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To maintain discipline or to enforce Henry County School System rules, the principal or his/her designee may administer corporal punishment. Such punishment should never be in the presence of other students. A parent or guardian may make a written request that a student be exempted from corporal punishment and that an alternative punishment be assigned. The procedures listed below must be followed to guarantee proper and legally required due process on behalf of the student.

- I. The student must have been informed previously that his/her behavior could bring about the use of corporal punishment.
- II. Prior to corporal punishment, initial efforts and/or alternative methods should be taken in an attempt to modify the student's behavior.
- III. The administration of corporal punishment must occur in the presence of another professionally certified Henry County school official but only after:
  - A. The school official is informed about the reason for punishment in the presence of the student;
  - B. The student is given the opportunity to defend his/her position; and,
  - C. It has been determined that the instrument to be used to implement corporal punishment is appropriate for the aged and physical size of the student being punished.

#### REFERENCES:

CODE OF ALABAMA  
16-28A-1, 16-28A-2, 16-28A-3, 16-28A-5

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