CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

It is the policy of the Broken Bow Board of Education to administer corporal punishment only as a last resort after other reasonable corrective measures have been used without success. However, under no circumstances shall any child in DHS custody or any student on an individualized educational program (IEP) be administered corporal punishment.

At the beginning of the school year, parents and legal guardians will be provided the opportunity to request the non administration of corporal punishment to their children. If a request for the non administration of corporal punishment has not been signed, the administration shall notify a parent or legal guardian that corporal punishment is being planned. At that time, the parent or legal guardian may request that corporal punishment not be administered.

Corporal punishment must be administered only in the presence of another professional, certificated staff member, preferably an administrator. Careful documentation of each occasion shall be made by the teacher or the administrator or both. Such documentation will identify the student and set forth the behavior necessitating the punishment; the person who administered the punishment; the person who administered the punishment; and the name of the witnesses.

Under no circumstances shall other students or non-certified personnel observe the administration of corporal punishment. The student shall be carefully advised of the nature of the rule infraction for which the punishment is being administered.

If a parent or legal guardian has requested that corporal punishment not be administered to the student, alternative discipline will be considered and may include suspension from school.

If an incident occurs and corporal punishment is imposed on a student with disabilities, the incident should be reported immediately to a school site administrator and documented using the statewide online IEP reporting system. A copy of the document shall be placed in the student's file and provided to the student's parent or legal guardian. For each incident, the student's parent or legal guardian shall be notified as soon as possible, and must be notified no later than the; school day following the incident or within twenty-four (24) hours of the incident, whichever is first. An IEP meeting may be needed to review a Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP) for the student.

REFERENCE: 10 O.S. §7115
70 O.S. §6-113.1
70 O.S. §6-114

70 O.S. §13-116 **Accreditation Standard 210:15-=13-9**