

Jordan Riak

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Subject: Spanking in Florida schools

Dear Mr. Riak,

The Florida Legislature has granted each district school board the authority to establish its own policy of corporal punishment. § 1002.20(4)(c), Fla. Stat. (2006). There is no requirement in Florida that the punishment be administered to a child's buttocks, and a district can decline to use corporal punishment in favor of alternative methods of discipline.

Your organization may wish to bring its concerns to the attention of the individual districts in Florida that still employ corporal punishment.

Alternatively, you may seek redress through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

Kendra Jowers, clerk
Office of the General Counsel
Florida Department of Education

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