

Utah Military Academy (UMA) – Prohibition of Corporal Punishment Policy Addendum to UMA Complete Policy Handbook

Board Policy 2022-10: Prohibition of Corporal Punishment Policy

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**1. Purpose:**

This policy provides information regarding a Prohibition of Corporal Punishment Policy at UMA in accordance with:

- Utah Code §R277-608

**2. Policy:**

To implement state law regarding the prohibition of corporal punishment of students at UMA.

- A UMA employee ***may not inflict or cause the infliction of corporal punishment upon a child*** who is receiving services from the school. 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:
  - Obtain possession of a weapon or other dangerous object in the possession or under the control of a student.
  - Protect the child or another person from physical injury.
  - Remove from a situation a child who is violent.
  - Protect property from being damaged.
- Procedure:
  - “Corporal punishment” means the intentional infliction of physical pain upon the body of a minor child as a disciplinary measure.
  - Investigation of complaint - confidentiality - immunity.
    - The reporting and investigation requirements of UMA’s Child Abuse Policy and Reporting, apply to complaints on corporal punishment.
    - If a violation is confirmed, UMA authorities shall take prompt and appropriate action, including in-service training and other administrative action to ensure against a repetition of the violation.
    - Reports made on violations of this policy are subject to the same requirements of confidentiality as provided in UMA’s Child Abuse Policy.
    - 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 corporal punishment or child abuse may be immune from any civil or criminal liability that might otherwise result by reason of those actions.
  - Exceptions:
    - Behavior reduction interventions that are in compliance with state and local special education rules and regulations are excepted from this part as provided by R277-608.