

TDOE Corporal Punishment Summary 2020-21

The corporal punishment reporting requirement at T.C.A. § 49-6-4108(c) requires the Tennessee Department of Education (the department) to report on the department’s website:

- the number of instances of corporal punishment in each local education agency (LEA), and
- the number of instances involving a student with an active individualized education program or an active 504 plan under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794).

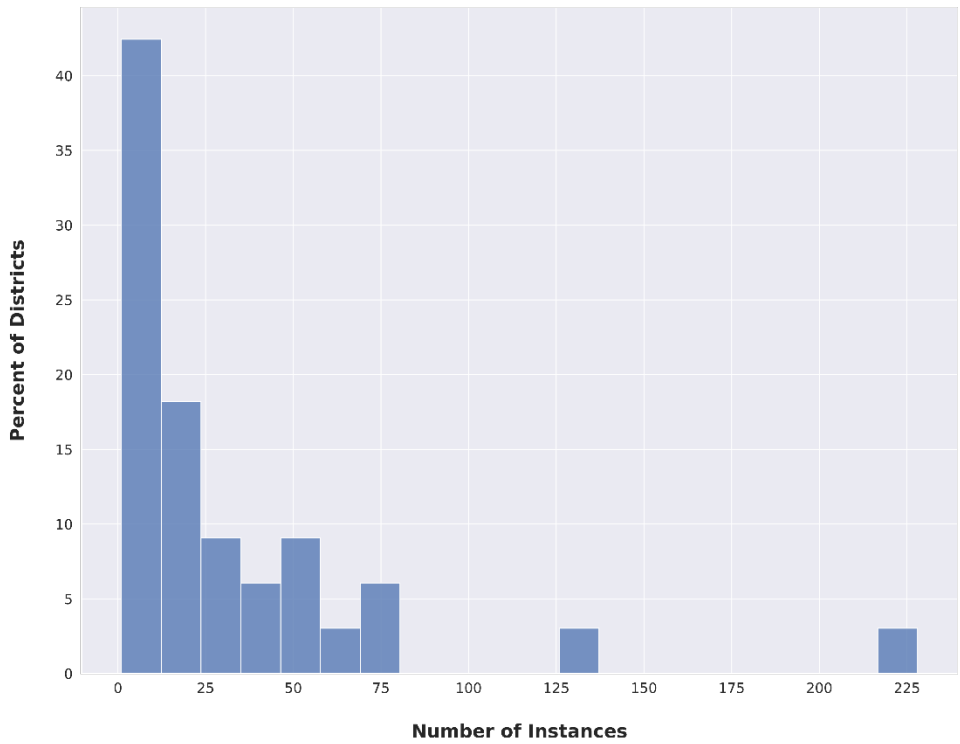
The U.S. Department of Education defines corporal punishment as “paddling, spanking, or other forms of physical punishment imposed on a child.”¹ For the purpose of this report, an instance of corporal punishment is defined as a single occurrence involving one student. If an event includes corporal punishment of multiple students, each student’s punishment should be categorized as a separate instance. In order to comply with this law, the department sent out a form that includes a corporal punishment tracker, which LEAs with instances of corporal punishment in the 2020-21 school year used to record corporal punishment information by instance, reason, school, and demographics. In addition, the department listed the LEAs which did not submit information about corporal punishment.

Summary of Data Submission in 2020-21 school year	Number of LEAs
Did not submit corporal punishment data	37
Responded to the request for data (i.e., submitted corporal punishment information via form or email. Includes districts belonging to the 3 bottom rows)	111
District policy does not permit the use of corporal punishment	45
District policy permits the use of corporal punishment, but they did not submit any instances	33
Submitted corporal punishment trackers	33

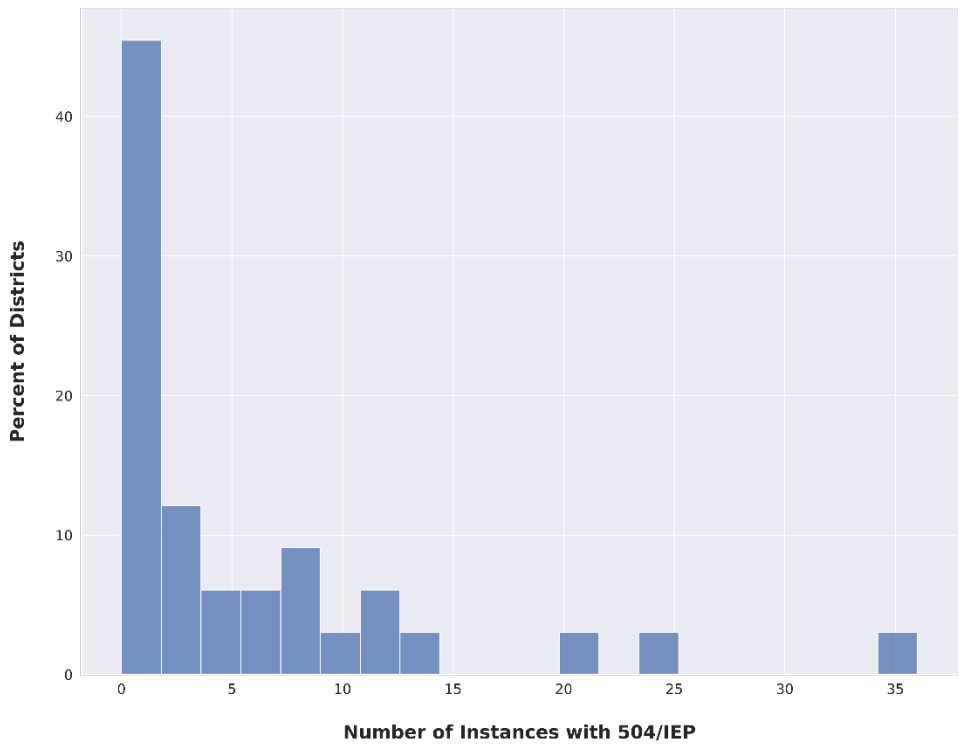
Of the 33 LEAs who submitted trackers with records of corporal punishment, the number of instances of corporal punishment submitted per LEA ranged from 1 to 228. The median number of instances was 17 and the total number of instances reported was 1,049. Of those 1,049 instances, 187 instances involved a student with an IEP or 504 plan, 17.83 percent of the total.

Of those submitting trackers with records of corporal punishment instances, 13 LEAs (39.39%) submitted fewer than 10 recorded instances of corporal punishment, and 23 LEAs (69.70%) reported fewer than 30 instances.

¹ “Master List of 2015 - 2016 CRDC Definitions,” U.S. Dept. of Education, Office for Civil Rights, *available at* <https://ocrdata.ed.gov/assets/downloads/CRDC-Definitions-2015-16.pdf>.



Of the 33 LEAs that submitted trackers for instances of corporal punishment, 20 LEAs (60.61%) reported fewer than 5 instances of corporal punishment that involved students with IEPs or 504 plans. The number of instances involving students with IEPs or 504 plans ranged from 0 to 36 instances.



45 LEAs reported that their discipline policy does not permit the use of corporal punishment.

LEA
ACHIEVEMENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
ALAMO
ALCOA
ALVIN C YORK INSTITUTE
ARLINGTON
BARTLETT
BRISTOL
CHEATHAM COUNTY
CLINTON
COLLIERVILLE
CROCKETT COUNTY
DAVIDSON COUNTY
DICKSON COUNTY
DYER COUNTY
DYERSBURG
FRANKLIN SSD
GERMANTOWN
GREENEVILLE
HOUSTON COUNTY
HUMBOLDT
JEFFERSON COUNTY
JOHNSON CITY
LAKE COUNTY
LENOIR CITY
LOUDON COUNTY
MARYVILLE
MAURY COUNTY
MONROE COUNTY
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
MURFREESBORO
OAK RIDGE
ONEIDA
ROANE COUNTY
ROBERTSON COUNTY
ROGERSVILLE
RUTHERFORD COUNTY
SEVIER COUNTY
TN SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND
TN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
TN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

TULLAHOMA
WARREN COUNTY
WEST CARROLL SP DIST
WEST TN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
WILLIAMSON COUNTY

33 LEAs reported that their policy permits use of corporal punishment, but they did not record any instances of corporal punishment during the 2020-21 school year.

LEA
BENTON COUNTY
BLEDSON COUNTY
BRADFORD
CANNON COUNTY
CARROLL COUNTY
CARTER COUNTY
CLAIBORNE COUNTY
CLAY COUNTY
COFFEE COUNTY
ELIZABETHTON
FAYETTEVILLE
FRANKLIN COUNTY
GIBSON CO SP DIST
GRUNDY COUNTY
HAMBLEN COUNTY
HAMILTON COUNTY
HARDEMAN COUNTY
HENDERSON COUNTY
HENRY COUNTY
HICKMAN COUNTY
HUNTINGDON
JOHNSON COUNTY
LEXINGTON
MILAN
NEWPORT
PICKETT COUNTY
RICHARD CITY
SEQUATCHIE COUNTY
SOUTH CARROLL
STEWART COUNTY
TRENTON
UNION COUNTY
VAN BUREN COUNTY

33 LEAs submitted Corporal Punishment recording trackers.

LEA	Number of Instances	Number of Instances with 504/IEP	2020-21 Enrollment
Bells	3	0	401
Cleveland	2	0	5719
Cumberland County	72	20	6833
Decatur County	13	3	1482
Etowah	1	0	349
Fentress County	29	9	2080
Giles County	6	1	3685
Hardin County	5	1	3487
Haywood County	9	8	2776
Hollow Rock - Bruceton	27	2	647
Humphreys County	5	0	2849
Jackson County	58	7	1438
Lauderdale County	51	11	3716
Lawrence County	17	4	6665
Lebanon	3	1	3837
Lewis County	22	0	1626
Marion County	4	1	3934
Marshall County	54	8	5361
McKenzie	10	8	1199
McMinn County	43	0	5267
McNairy County	4	0	3942
Meigs County	17	5	1762
Moore County	13	0	887
Obion County	51	12	3088
Overton County	75	14	3114
Paris	45	2	1580
Perry County	3	1	1043
Rhea County	1	0	4084
Sweetwater	4	3	1451
Tipton County	128	24	10393
Union City	228	36	1604
Wayne County	27	0	2155
White County	19	6	3828

37 LEAs did not submit corporal punishment data.

LEA
Anderson County
Athens
Bedford County
Blount County
Bradley County
Campbell County
Chester County
Cocke County
Dayton
DeKalb County
Department Of Children's Services Education Division
Fayette County Public Schools
Grainger County
Greene County
Hancock County
Hawkins County
Kingsport
Knox County
Lakeland
Lincoln County
Macon County
Madison County
Manchester
Millington Municipal Schools
Morgan County
Polk County
Putnam County
Scott County
Shelby County
Smith County
Sullivan County
Sumner County
Trousdale County
Unicoi County
Washington County
Weakley County
Wilson County