

## SCHOOL LAW OF MONTANA

### 20-4-301. Duties **of the teacher** (summarized):

Conform to and enforce the district's laws and policies

Utilize the district's course of instruction

Maintain neat and businesslike records

Prepare an annual report of attendance, grades, etc.

Maintain school grounds and equipment

Provide moral and civic instruction;

"endeavoring to impress the pupils with the principles of morality, truth, justice, and patriotism"

"teaching the pupils to avoid idleness, profanity, and falsehood" instruct in free government, civic responsibilities, and citizenship

### 20-4-302. Discipline **and punishment of pupils - definition of corporal punishment - penalty - defense.**

(1) "A teacher or principal has the authority to hold a pupil to a strict accountability for disorderly conduct in school, on the way to or from school, or during intermission or recess."

(2) "Corporal punishment means knowingly and purposely inflicting physical pain on a pupil as a disciplinary measure."

(3) "A person who is employed or engaged by a school district may not inflict or cause to be inflicted corporal punishment on a pupil."

(4) A teacher has the duty to report the truancy or incorrigibility of a pupil to the principal.

(5) If a person who is employed or engaged by a school district uses corporal punishment or more physical restraint than is reasonable or necessary, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction of the misdemeanor by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall be fined not less than \$25 or more than \$500.

### 20-4-303. Abuse **of teachers**

Any parent, guardian, or other person who shall insult or abuse a teacher anywhere on the school grounds or school premises shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction of such misdemeanor by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall be fined no less than \$25 or more than \$500.