

Ala. Code 1975, § 13A-6-21(a)(5)

Assault Second Degree
(Teacher)

The defendant is charged with assault in the second degree.

A person commits the crime of assault in the second degree if, with intent to cause physical injury to a teacher or to an employee of a public educational institution during or as a result of the performance of his/her duty, he/she causes physical injury to any person.

To convict, the State must prove beyond a reasonable doubt each of the following elements:

- (1) The defendant caused physical injury to another person, **[Insert name of injured person]**;
- (2) The defendant intended to cause physical injury to a teacher or to an employee of a public educational institution, **[Insert name]**, during or as a result of the performance of his/her duty.

[Read as appropriate]: A *person*, when referring to the victim, means a human being, including an unborn child in utero at any stage of development, regardless of viability. [13A-6-1(a)(3)]

Physical injury is impairment of physical condition or substantial pain. [13A-1-2(12)]

A person acts *intentionally* when it is his/her purpose to cause the death of another person. [13A-2-2(1)]

[Read as appropriate - Transferred Intent]: A person acts *intentionally* when it is his/her purpose to cause the death of a specific person, regardless of whether the deceased person is actually the person whose death the defendant allegedly wished to cause. See *Ex parte Jackson*, 614 So. 2d 405, 406-407 (Ala. 1993); *Farrior v. State*, 728 So. 2d 691, 695-696 (Ala. Crim. App. 1998).

If you find from the evidence that the State has proved beyond a reasonable doubt each of the above elements of assault in the second degree, then you shall find the defendant guilty of assault in the second degree.

If you find that the State has failed to prove any one or more of the elements of the offense of assault in the second degree, then you cannot find the defendant guilty of assault in the second degree.

[If lesser-included offenses are included, the Court should instruct on those offenses at this point.]

Use Notes

For unborn child exceptions see 13A-6-1(b) through (e).

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