

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

The Board of Education cannot condone resort to force or fear by a teaching staff member as an appropriate procedure in the discipline and control of pupils, even those pupils whose behavior is provocative and defiant. Each pupil enrolled in the schools of this district is protected by law from the infliction of corporal punishment.

No person employed or engaged in a school or educational institution, whether private or public, shall inflict or cause to be inflicted corporal punishment upon a pupil attending such school or institution; but any such person may, within the scope of his or her employment, use and apply such amounts of force as is reasonable and necessary:

1. To quell a disturbance threatening physical injury to others;
2. To obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects upon the person or within the control of a pupil;
3. For the purpose of self defense; and
4. For the protection of persons or property.

The Board urges administrators and teachers to impress upon pupils that they will be held accountable for misconduct in accordance with Board policy on the discipline of pupils.

A teaching staff member who administers corporal punishment or engages in unauthorized or inappropriate physical contact with pupils or knowingly permits pupils to harm themselves or one another will be subject to discipline by this Board of Education.

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