

Corporal Punishment

It is the policy of the Board of Education that the use of corporal punishment, as defined below by members of the staff upon pupils, is prohibited.

Corporal punishment is defined by the Board of Education as “any act of physical force upon a pupil for the purpose of punishing that pupil.” However, the Board of Regents’ position does not prohibit the use of reasonable physical force in situations in which alternative procedures and methods not involved in the use of physical force cannot reasonably be employed for the following reason:

- (1) To protect oneself from physical injury
- (2) To protect another pupil or teacher or any other person from physical injury
- (3) To protect the property of the school or others
- (4) To restrain or remove a pupil whose behavior is interfering with the orderly exercise and performance of school district functions, powers and duties if the pupil has refused to comply with a request to refrain from further disruptive acts provided that alternative procedures and methods not involving the use of physical force cannot reasonably be employed to achieve the purposes set forth in 1-3.

Each building principal will review this policy with their respective staffs at the beginning of each school year.