

# District Policy & Regulations

## BOARD OF EDUCATION COLUMBUS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### CORPORAL PUNISHMENT/USE OF PHYSICAL FORCE

While recognizing that students may require disciplinary action in various forms, the Board of Education cannot condone the use of unreasonable force and fear as an appropriate procedure in student discipline.

Staff should not find it necessary to resort to physical force or violence to compel obedience. If all other means fail, staff members may resort to the removal of the student from the classroom or other disciplinary intervention.

Staff, within the scope of their employment, may use and apply reasonable and necessary force to:

- quell a disturbance threatening physical injury to self or others;
- obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects upon or within the control of the student;
- the purpose of self-defense or the defense of others;
- prevent a student from inflicting harm on himself/herself;
- protect the safety of others.
- For the protection of property
- remove a disruptive student from school premises, a motor vehicle or school-sponsored activities.
- allow incidental, minor or reasonable physical contact designed to maintain order and control.

In accordance with State law, corporal punishment shall not be permitted. If any staff member, full-time, part-time, or substitute intentionally inflicts, or causes to be inflicted, physical pain by hitting, paddling, spanking, slapping, forcing prolonged maintenance of physically-painful positions, or makes use of any other kind of physical force as a means of disciplining a student, s/he may be subject to discipline up to and including discharge by this Board and possibly criminal assault charges as well. This prohibition applies as well to volunteers and those with whom the District contracts for services.

118.31 (3) (d) (e) (h), Wis. Stats.

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