

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

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District employees shall not use corporal punishment in any of its forms.

“Corporal punishment” means the intentional infliction of physical pain which is used as a means of discipline. “Corporal punishment” includes, but is not limited to, paddling, slapping, or prolonged maintenance of physically painful positions, when used as a means of discipline.

Wis. Stat. 118.31

School officials, employees or agencies of a school board are not prohibited from using reasonable and necessary force:

- to quell a disturbance or prevent an act that threatens physical injury to any person;
- to obtain possession of a weapon or other dangerous object within a student’s control;
- for the purpose of self-defense or the defense of others;
- for the protection of property;
- to remove a disruptive student from the premises, from a motor vehicle, or from school-sponsored activities;
- to prevent a student from inflicting harm on him/herself; or
- to protect the safety of others.

School officials are also not prohibited from using incidental, minor or reasonable physical contact designed to maintain order and control.

This policy only applies to the treatment of students, not to the treatment of persons who are not students.

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