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CORPORAL PUNISHMENT/USE OF PHYSICAL FORCE BY STAFF

No District official, employee or agent may subject a District student to corporal punishment. "Corporal punishment" includes, but is not limited to, paddling, slapping or prolonged maintenance of physically painful positions, when used as a means of discipline. "Corporal punishment" does not include actions consistent with an individualized education program (IEP) or reasonable physical activities associated with athletic training.

School officials, employees and agents are not prohibited, however, from using reasonable and necessary force:

- 1. to quell a disturbance or prevent an act that threatens physical injury to any person;
- 2. obtain possession of a weapon or other dangerous object within a student's control;
- 3. for the purpose of self-defense or the defense of others, or for the protection of property in accordance with state statutes;
- 4. to remove a disruptive student from school premises, a motor vehicle or school-sponsored activity;
- 5. to prevent a student from inflicting harm on him/herself; or
- 6. to protect the safety of others.

Further, school officials, employees or agents are not prohibited from using incidental, minor or reasonable physical contact designed to maintain order and control.

Whenever physical force is used in the District, the administration shall be informed.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 118.31 Wisconsin Statutes 939.48

CROSS REF.: 447, Student Discipline

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