

Corporal Punishment

Corporal punishment and the threat of corporal punishment is prohibited. Corporal punishment is defined as, "the deliberate infliction of physical pain by any means upon the whole or any part of a pupil's body as a penalty or punishment for a pupil's offense." A threat to inflict or cause to be inflicted corporal punishment upon any pupil is prohibited.

However, employees are permitted to use such reasonable physical force as may be necessary to a) protect himself, herself, the pupil, or others from immediate physical injury; b) obtain possession of a weapon or other dangerous object upon or within the control of the pupil and/or c) protect property from physical damage, within the scope of his or her responsibilities. Employees in violation of this policy may be disciplined by the Board as well as subject themselves to civil and criminal judicial actions.

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