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PHYSICAL FORCE

The use of corporal punishment, defined as any act of physical force on a pupil for the purpose of punishing that child, is not acceptable as a disciplinary measure. The term will not apply, however, to the use of reasonable physical force in the following situations:

1. For self-defense;
2. To protect other persons from physical injury;
3. To protect property of the school or others;
4. To remove a student who has refused to comply with requests to refrain from disruptive behavior; and
5. To restrain or control a student that is out of control.

Physical force in the above situations may be used by the teacher, principal, supervisor, or superintendent. Any person delegated to supervise students at a school function away from school premises, and the school bus driver, also have the authority to administer physical force on an insubordinate or disobedient student.

Personnel shall inform immediate supervisors of all instances in which physical force is administered.

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