

The use of corporal punishment, defined as any act of physical force upon a student for the purpose of punishing that student, is not acceptable in this district and will not be tolerated as a disciplinary measure. In situations in which alternative procedures and methods not involving the use of physical force cannot reasonably be employed, the use of reasonable physical force may be employed in the following situations:

1. for the purpose of self-defense;
2. to protect other persons from physical injury;
3. to protect property of the school or of others; and/or
4. to remove a student if the student has refused to comply with requests to refrain from disruptive behaviors.

In the event that physical force is used, the following reporting procedure will be followed:

1. The teacher or administrator who has used physical force must file a written report with the Principal immediately.
2. The report shall relate all relevant details of the incident, including what action was taken, why the action was taken, and what measures, if any, have been taken to prevent the need for such action.
3. The report will be kept on file and be made available to the parent upon request.
4. The parent will be afforded an opportunity to request a conference with the teacher and administrator(s) involved in the incident to discuss the situation.
5. District administrators receiving any such complaint shall file a copy of the written report with the Superintendent of Schools immediately.

Ref: Rules of the Board of Regents §19.5
8 NYCRR §100.2(1)(3)

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