

Corporal Punishment and Emergency Interventions

The Board of Education prohibits the use of corporal punishment against a student by any teacher, administrator, officer, employee or agent of this School District.

As used in this policy, “corporal punishment” means any act of physical force upon a student for the purpose of punishing that student, except as otherwise provided herein.

For purposes of this policy, an “emergency” means a situation in which an immediate emergency intervention involving the use of reasonable physical force is necessary for one of the following purposes:

- a. To protect oneself from physical injury;
- b. To protect another person from physical injury
- c. To protect the property of the school district or others
- d. To restrain or remove a student whose behavior is interfering with the orderly exercise and performance of school function, powers or duties, if the student has failed to comply with a request to refrain from further disruptive acts

Use of Emergency Interventions.

Emergency interventions shall be used only in situations in which alternative procedures and methods not involving the use of physical force cannot reasonably be employed. Emergency interventions shall not be used as a punishment or as a substitute for systematic behavioral interventions that are designed to change, replace, modify or eliminate a targeted behavior.

Staff training.

Personnel who may be called upon to implement emergency interventions shall be provided with appropriate training in safe and effective restraint procedures.

Documentation and Parental Notice Required.

Personnel involved in the use of emergency interventions shall be directed by their immediate supervisor to prepare a written report for each student upon whom emergency interventions are used. This report shall include the name and date of birth of the student; the setting and the location of the incident; the name of the staff or other persons involved; a description of the incident and the emergency intervention used, including duration; a statement as to whether the student has a current behavioral intervention plan; and details of any injuries sustained by the student or others, including staff, as a result of the incident. This written report shall be forwarded to the Superintendent of Schools and the Director of Nursing and Health Education. The parent of the student shall be notified of the emergency intervention by the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee.

Reporting

Each year, by January 15th and July 15th, the District through the office of the Superintendent shall submit a report to the Commissioner of Education setting forth the substance of each complaint about the use of corporal punishment received by school authorities during the reporting period, the result of each investigation, and the action, if any, taken by the District.