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CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

No teacher, principal or other person employed by the School Board shall subject a student to corporal punishment. This prohibition does not prohibit the use of incidental, minor or reasonable physical contact or other actions designed to maintain order and control or the use of reasonable and necessary force.

- To quell a disturbance or remove a student from the scene of a disturbance which threatens physical injury to persons or damage to property;
- To prevent a student from inflicting physical harm on himself;
- For self-defense or the defense of others; or
- To obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects or controlled substances or paraphernalia which are upon the person of the student or within his control.

For the purposes of this policy, "corporal punishment" means the infliction of, or causing the infliction of, physical pain on a student as a means of discipline. Corporal Punishment does not include physical pain, injury or discomfort caused by participation in practice or competition in an interscholastic sport, or participation in physical education or an extracurricular activity.

In determining whether a person was acting within the exceptions provided in this policy, due deference shall be given to reasonable judgments at the time of the event which were made by a teacher, principal or other person employed by a school board or employed in a school operated by the Commonwealth.

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