

WAUZEKA-STEUBEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
USE OF PHYSICAL FORCE BY STAFF

The use of physical force by school personnel shall be limited to that which may reasonably be determined as necessary for the immediate protection of physical well-being or protection of public property and to maintain order and control. Such emergency situations may include the following:

1. to quell a disturbance or prevent an act that threatens physical injury to any person
2. to obtain possession of a weapon or other dangerous object within a student's control
3. for the purpose of self-defense or the defense of others
4. for the protection of property
5. to remove a disruptive student from school premises, from a motor vehicle or from school sponsored activities
6. to prevent a student from inflicting harm upon himself/herself;
7. to protect the safety of others
8. for using incidental, minor or reasonable physical restraint designed to maintain order and control

In determining whether or not a person was acting within the emergency situations listed above, deference shall be given to reasonable, good faith judgments made by an official, employee or agent of the Board of Education.

Corporal punishment is prohibited in any form. Corporal punishment is defined as the intentional infliction of physical pain used as a means of discipline.

Nothing in this section shall prohibit, permit or otherwise affect any action taken by an official, employee or agent of the Board of Education with regard to a person who is not a pupil enrolled in the District.

Anyone using physical force in violation of this policy should be reported to the building principal, who shall take appropriate action to deal with the policy violation. This shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, notifying the parents/guardians of the student involved and taking proper school disciplinary action against the offender.

Building principals shall be responsible for informing students, parents/guardians and school personnel of this policy annually.

Legal References: Wisconsin Statutes Sections 118.31, 939.48

Cross References: Policies 443 Code of Classroom Conduct, 443.4 Student Alcohol and Other Drug Use, 720 School Safety Program, 832 Weapons on School Premises

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