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## USE OF PHYSICAL FORCE BY STAFF

Corporal punishment shall be used only as a last resort in the most unusual circumstances and after all other corrective measures have been used without success. Non-violent crisis training is made available to staff.

Any official, employee or agent of the school board may use reasonable and necessary force for the following purposes:

- 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 a school premises or motor vehicle or from school-sponsored activities;
- 6. to prevent a student from inflicting harm on him / herself;
- 7. to protect the safety of others.

Any official, employee or agent of the school board may use incidental, minor or reasonable physical contact designed to maintain order and control.

The principal and parents shall be informed immediately after such action is taken.

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