

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BAYFIELD

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT/USE OF PHYSICAL FORCE

Corporal punishment shall not be used as a form of discipline in the School District of Bayfield. For purposes of Board policy, "corporal punishment" is defined as the intentional infliction of physical pain used as a means of discipline. It includes, but is not limited to, slapping or prolonged maintenance of physically painful positions, when used as a means of discipline.

This policy does not prohibit school officials, employees or agents from using reasonable and necessary force under the following conditions:

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, or for the protection of property in accordance with state statutes;
4. to remove a disruptive student from school premises, a motor vehicle or school-sponsored activity;
5. to prevent a student from inflicting harm on him/herself; or
6. to protect the safety of others.

School officials, employees and agents may use incidental, minor or reasonable physical contact designed to maintain order and control.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 118.31 Wisconsin Statutes
 939.48

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