

DISCIPLINE LIMITATIONS (CORPORAL PUNISHMENT)

POLICY

The Board believes that the primary objective of student conduct and control is to produce a school environment which offers the most favorable setting for the teaching-learning activities. To produce such an environment, administration shall continually study and develop a code of student conduct and the process and means by which it is to be implemented.

Corporal punishment is prohibited pursuant to Section 1312 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1976 being Section 380.1312 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

PROCEDURE

- I. Punishment is to be of a corrective rather than a punitive nature.

- II. Corporal punishment means the deliberate infliction of physical pain by any means upon the whole or any part of a pupil's body as a penalty or punishment for a pupil's offense.

- III. Employees or persons engaged as volunteers or contractors by the District shall not threaten to inflict, or cause to be inflicted corporal punishment upon any pupil. However, the person may, within the scope of his/her responsibilities, use such reasonable physical force as may be necessary to:
 - A. Protect himself, herself, the pupil or others from immediate physical injury.
 - B. Obtain possession of a weapon or other dangerous object upon or within the control of a pupil.
 - C. Protect property from physical damage.

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