

4217 USE OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

The Board of Education cannot condone an employee's resort to force or fear in the treatment of students, even those students whose conduct appears to be open defiance of authority. Each student is protected by law from bodily harm and from offensive bodily touching.

Support staff members shall not use physical force or the threat of physical force to maintain discipline or compel obedience except as permitted by law, but may remove students from the classroom or school by the lawful procedures established for the suspension and expulsion of students.

A support staff member who:

1. Uses force or fear to discipline a student except as such force or fear may be necessary to quell a disturbance threatening physical injury to others, to obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects upon the person or within the control of a student, to act in self-defense, or to protect persons or property;
2. Touches a student in an offensive way even though no physical harm is intended;
3. Permits students to harm one another by fighting; or
4. Punishes students by means that are cruel or unusual;

will be subject to discipline by this Board and may be dismissed.

Corporal punishment meeting the definition of abuse shall be reported to appropriate authorities as per N.J. Stat. § 9:6-8.10.

N.J.S.A. 18A:6-1; 18A:37-1

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