

4217 Use of Corporal Punishment

No support staff member employed by the Board or a person engaged in any school in the school district shall inflict or cause to be inflicted corporal punishment upon a student attending any school in the school district; but any such support staff member may, within the scope of their employment, use and apply such amounts of force as is reasonable and necessary:

1. To quell a disturbance, threatening physical injury to others;
2. To obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects upon the person or within the control of a student;
3. For the purpose of self-defense; and
4. For protection of persons or property;

and such acts, or any of them, shall not be construed to constitute corporal punishment pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-1. Every resolution, bylaw, rule, ordinance, or other act or authority permitting or authorizing corporal punishment to be inflicted upon a student attending any school in the district shall be void.

Nothing in this policy shall be read to diminish in any way the protections afforded to Students with Disabilities under Policy 5561 Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion Techniques for Students with Disabilities.

Any support staff member employed by the Board found to have violated this Policy may be subject to discipline by the Board.

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



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