

## PORT EDWARDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### Board of Education Policy

#### CORPORAL PUNISHMENT / USE OF PHYSICAL FORCE BY STAFF

"Corporal punishment" means the intentional infliction of physical pain which is used as a means of discipline. "Corporal punishment" includes, but is not limited to, paddling, slapping, or prolonged maintenance of physically painful positions, when used as a means of discipline. "Corporal punishment" does not include actions consistent with an individual educational program developed under s.115.787 or reasonable physical activities associated with athletic training.

No official, employee or agent of a school board may subject a student enrolled in the school district to corporal punishment; except, an official, employee or agent of a school board is not prohibited from using incidental, minor physical contact or reasonable and necessary force:

- to quell a disturbance or prevent an act that threatens physical injury to any person,
- to obtain possession of a weapon or other dangerous object within a student's control,
- for the purpose of self-defense or the defense of others,
- for the protection of property,
- to remove a disruptive student from a school premises, a motor vehicle owned, rented or consigned to the school, or from a school-sponsored activity,
- to prevent a pupil from inflicting harm on himself or herself,
- to protect the safety of others, or
- to maintain order and control.

In determining whether or not a person was acting within the exceptions listed above, deference shall be given to reasonable, good faith judgments made by an official, employee or agent of a school board.

LEGAL REF:      Sections 118.13 Wisconsin Statutes  
    125.09  
    939.45  
    939.48  
    939.49

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