

Board Policy Document

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## **STUDENT PERSONNEL**

### ***Series 500***

**Policy Title: Corporal Punishment/Physical Restraint**

**Code Number: 502.8**

Corporal punishment may not be used to discipline students. Physical force may be used upon a student with or without advance notice when reasonable and necessary for the purposes of self-defense, the preservation of order, the need to quell a disturbance threatening others, to obtain the possession of a weapon or other dangerous object within a student's control, the need to protect District property, or for the protection of others located on District property. The use of physical force shall not be designed or intended to cause pain.

Reasonable physical force should be commensurate with the situation. The following factors should be considered in determining whether physical force is reasonable and necessary under the circumstances and is not designed nor intended to cause pain:

- Seriousness of the offense;
- Attitude and past behavior of the child;
- Nature and severity of the punishment;
- Motivation of the teacher;
- Age and strength of the child; and
- Availability of less severe but equally effective means of dealing with the situation.

If physical force or restraint is used, the student's parents shall be notified and given an explanation of the circumstances.

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