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Professional Personnel

5:230 Maintaining Student Discipline

Maintaining an orderly learning environment is an essential part of each teacher's instructional responsibilities. A teacher's ability to foster appropriate student behavior is an important factor in the teacher's educational effectiveness. The Superintendent shall ensure that all teachers, other ~~certificated~~ licensed [PRESSPlus1](#) educational employees, and persons providing a student's related service(s): (1) maintain discipline in the schools as required in the School Code, and (2) follow the School Board policies on student conduct, behavior, and discipline.

When a student's behavior is unacceptable, the teacher should first discuss the matter with the student, if appropriate. If the unacceptable behavior continues, the teacher should consult with the Building Principal and/or discuss the problem with the parent(s)/guardian(s). A teacher may remove any student from the learning setting whose behavior interferes with the lessons or participation of fellow students. A student's removal must be in accordance with Board policy and administrative procedures.

~~Teachers~~ School personnel shall not use disciplinary methods that may be damaging to students, such as ridicule, sarcasm, or excessive temper displays. Corporal punishment (including slapping, paddling, or prolonged maintenance of a student in physically painful positions, and intentional infliction of bodily harm) ~~is prohibited in all circumstances may not be used.~~ Teachers School personnel may only use reasonable force as ~~needed to keep students, school personnel, and others safe, or for self-defense or defense of property~~ permitted by 105 ILCS 5/10-20.33. [PRESSPlus2](#)

LEGAL REF.:

105 ILCS 5/22-100 and 5/24-24. [PRESSPlus3](#)

[23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.280.](#)

CROSS REF.: 2:150 (Committees), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:230 (Misconduct by Students with Disabilities)

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PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/24-24, amended by P.A. 103-806, eff. 1-1-25, replacing the word *certificated* with *licensed*. This change brings 105 ILCS 5/24-24 into alignment with its corresponding rule at 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.280. **Issue 117, October 2024**

PRESSPlus 2. Updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/22-100 and 5/24-24, respectively added and amended by P.A. 103-806, eff. 1-1-25. *Corporal punishment* means "a discipline method in which a person deliberately inflicts pain upon a student in response to the student's unacceptable behavior or

inappropriate language, with an aim to halt an offense, prevent its recurrence, or set an example for others.” 105 ILCS 5/22-100, added by P.A. 103-806, eff. 1-1-25. See sample policy 7:190, *Student Behavior*, available at PRESS Online by logging in at www.iasb.com, for a discussion of corporal punishment. **Issue 117, October 2024**

PRESSPlus 3. The Legal References are updated. **Issue 117, October 2024**