

BOARD POLICY

JDA

STUDENTS CORPORAL PUNISHMENT **PROHIBITION**

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The use of corporal punishment is prohibited. Corporal punishment means the deliberate infliction of physical pain by hitting, paddling, spanking, slapping, or any other physical force used as a means of discipline.

Corporal punishment does not include physical pain caused by reasonable physical activities associated with athletic training.

A person employed by or engaged as a volunteer or contractor by the district shall not inflict or cause to be inflicted corporal punishment upon any pupil under any circumstances.

A person employed by or engaged as a volunteer or contractor by the district may use reasonable physical force **intervention** upon a pupil as necessary to maintain order and control in a school or school-related setting for the purpose of providing an environment conducive to safety and learning. In maintaining that order and control, the person may use physical force **intervention** upon a pupil as may be necessary:

1. To restrain or remove a pupil whose behavior is interfering with the orderly exercise and performance of school district functions within a school or at a school-related activity, if that pupil has refused to comply with a request to refrain from further disruptive acts.
2. For self-defense or the defense of another.
3. To prevent a pupil from inflicting harm on himself or herself.
4. To quell a disturbance that threatens physical injury to any person.
5. To obtain possession of a weapon or other dangerous object upon or within the control of a pupil.
6. ~~To protect property.~~

The district shall make available to each employee, volunteer, and contractor a list of alternatives to the use of corporal punishment, which shall be consistent with a crisis prevention and intervention framework. See JDA-Exhibit

CROSS REF.: JDAAA-Emergency Use of Seclusion and Restraint

LEGAL REF.: MCL, 380.1312