

Students

SUBJECT: CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

Corporal punishment as a means of discipline shall not be used against a student by any teacher, administrator, officer, employee or agent of this School District.

However, this policy does not prohibit the use of reasonable physical force, in situations in which alternative procedures and methods not involving the use of physical force cannot reasonably be employed, for the following purposes:

- a) To protect one's self from physical injury.
- b) To protect another student or teacher or any other person from physical injury.
- c) To protect the property of the school or others.
- d) To restrain or remove a student whose behavior is interfering with the orderly exercise and performance of School District functions, powers or duties, if that student has refused to comply with a request to refrain from further disruptive acts.

Whenever a school employee uses physical force against a student, the school employee shall, within the same school day, make a report to the Superintendent describing in detail the circumstances and the nature of the action taken.

The Superintendent of Schools shall submit a written report semi-annually to the Commissioner of Education, with copies to the Board of Education, by January 15 and July 15 of each year, setting forth the substance of each written complaint about the use of corporal punishment received by the Schalmont Central School authorities during the reporting period, the results of each investigation, and the action, if any, taken by the school authorities in each case.

Rules of the Board of Regents
Section 19.5
8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations
(NYCRR) Section 100.2(1)(3)

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