

USE OF PHYSICAL FORCE BY CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

While the Board of Trustees disapproves generally of the use of physical force in the control and supervision of students, it does recognize that situations may arise in the operation of the schools which may necessitate the use of a reasonable degree of such physical force by its employees.

The use of physical force must be reasonable and restricted to the following situations:

1. Cases in which school personnel must act in self-defense to prevent harm to themselves
2. Situations in which physical harm may befall individual students, groups of students or other school personnel

The Board does not support the practice of corporal punishment by school personnel. It likewise does not support or condone the use of physical force in cases of verbal or non-verbal defiance by students of school authority when such defiance presents no immediate danger of harm to other students or school personnel.

The Board expects the schools to be conducted in an orderly manner. Both students and staff share the responsibility of insuring compliance with rules of conduct which are consistent with law and Board policy.

Legal Reference:

Education Code

35146 Closed sessions

35291 Rules

35291.5 School-adopted discipline rules

35291.7 School-adopted discipline rules; additional employees

48630-48644.5 Opportunity schools

48900-48925 Suspension and expulsion

48908 Duties of pupils

48980-48985 Notification of parent or guardian

49000-49011 Prohibition of corporal punishment

49330-49334 Injurious objects

Code of Regulations, Title 5

353 Detention after school

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