

## USE OF PHYSICAL FORCE

- I. In accordance with State law, corporal punishment shall not be permitted. If any employee intentionally inflicts, or causes to be inflicted, physical pain by hitting, paddling, spanking, slapping, forcing prolonged maintenance of physically-painful positions, or makes use of any other kind of physical force as a means of disciplining a student, discipline up to and including discharge by this Board of Education and possibly criminal assault charges as well may be instigated. This prohibition applies as well to volunteers and those with whom the District contracts for services.
- II. Staff members may use and apply reasonable and necessary force:
  - A. to quell a disturbance or prevent an act threatening physical injury to any person;
  - B. for the purpose of self-defense or the defense of others;
  - C. to prevent a student from any self-inflicting harm or injury to self;
  - D. to protect the safety of others.
  - E. to obtain possession of a weapon or other dangerous object within a student's control
  - F. for the protection of property in accordance with state statutes
  - G. to remove a disruptive student from school premises, a motor vehicle, or school-sponsored activity
- III. Any school official, employee, or agent of the School Board can use incidental, minor, or reasonable physical contact to maintain order and control.
- IV. In determining whether or not a person was acting as noted above, deference may be given to reasonable, good faith judgments made by District employees or agents.

Legal reference:  
Section 118.31, Wis. Stats.

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The Port Washington-Saukville School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Director of Special Services, Port Washington-Saukville School District, 100 W. Monroe Street, Port Washington, WI 53074 - Duane.Woelfel@pwssd.k12.wi.us