Students

Use of Physical Force/Corporal Punishment

The use of corporal punishment is prohibited. Corporal punishment is defined as using physical force or inflicting physical hurt upon a student in order to punish him/her for misconduct or in order to regulate his/her behavior.

Reasonable physical force may be used, to the extent that a teacher or other person entrusted with the care and supervision of a minor for school purposes believes it necessary to:

A. Protect him/herself or others from immediate physical injury.

B. Obtain possession of a dangerous instrument or controlled substance, upon or within the control of such student.

C. Protect property from physical damage.

D. Restrain student or remove student to another area to maintain order.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

53a-18 Use of reasonable physical force or deadly physical force generally

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