

**PROHIBITION OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT**

The use of corporal punishment, defined as any act of physical force on a pupil for the purpose of punishing that child, is not acceptable in this district and will not be tolerated as a disciplinary measure. The term will not apply, however, to the use of reasonable physical force in the following situations.

1. For self-defense;
2. To protect other persons from physical injury;
3. To protect property of the school or others;
4. To remove a student who has refused to comply with requests to refrain from disruptive behavior; and
5. To restrain or control a student that is out of control.

By law, physical force may be used by the superintendent/CEO, principal, supervisor, and teachers and their aids and assistants. This authority extends to any person delegated to supervise children who are authorized to attend a school function away from school premises and to school bus drivers.

Any employee using physical force to control a student will document the incident in writing, with copies given to the principal and superintendent/CEO by the close of the following school day. The superintendent/CEO will keep the board apprised of unusual or extreme incidents of the use of physical force.

In-service training for teachers and staff in the use of alternative, positive measures of discipline may be provided and the superintendent/CEO will report to the board annually if training programs were provided to staff.

**Legal References:**

SDCL 13-32-2            Physical force authorized when necessary

1<sup>st</sup> Reading-6/21/2016  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading-7/19/2016  
Date Adopted-7/19/2016  
Last Revised-