

## WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT

STUDENTS

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WELFARE/DISCIPLINE

Corporal Punishment

No official, employee, or agent of the Wausau Board of Education may subject a student enrolled in the School District to corporal punishment.

"Corporal Punishment" means the intentional infliction of physical pain, which is used as a means of discipline. "Corporal Punishment" includes, but is not limited to, paddling, slapping or prolonged maintenance of physically painful positions when used as a means of discipline. "Corporal Punishment" does not include actions consistent with an individualized education program developed under s. 115.80(4)(a) [for children with exceptional educational needs] or reasonable physical activities associated with athletic training." (Wisconsin Statute, Section 118.31(1).

School officials, employees, or agents of the Board are not, however, prohibited from using reasonable or necessary force in the following situations:

- (a) To quell a disturbance or prevent an act that threatens physical injury to any person;
- (b) To obtain possession of a weapon or other dangerous object within a student's control;
- (c) For the purpose of self-defense or the defense of others;
- (d) For the protection of property;
- (e) To remove a disruptive student from school premises or from a motor vehicle or from school-sponsored activities;
- (f) To prevent a student from inflicting harm on him/herself;
- (g) To protect the safety of others;

School officials, employees, or agents of the Board are also not prohibited from using incidental, minor or reasonable physical contact designed to maintain order and control.

In determining whether or not a person was acting within the exceptions listed above, deference shall be given to reasonable, good faith judgments made by such official, employee or agent of the Board.

This policy only applies to the treatment of students and not to the treatment of persons who are not students.

Legal Ref.: Wisconsin Statute 118.31(1)

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