Students

Corporeal Punishment

The use of corporal punishment as a means of student discipline is prohibited by state law. No employee, volunteer, or contractor of the Adrian Public Schools shall threaten to inflict, inflict, or cause to be inflicted corporal punishment upon a student.

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT – is defined as the deliberate infliction of physical pain by hitting, paddling, spanking, slapping, or any other physical force used as a means of discipline.

Alternatives to corporal punishment are found in the Student Code of Conduct, Board Policy, JFC-R.

Any employee, volunteer, or contractor engaging in corporal punishment in violation of this policy may be subject to discipline or other appropriate action.

An employee, volunteer, or contractor of the Adrian Public Schools may use reasonable physical force upon a student as necessary to maintain order and control in a school or school related setting for the purpose of providing an environment conducive to safety and learning in the following circumstances:

A. To restrain or remove a student whose behavior is interfering with the orderly exercise and performance of school district functions within a school or at a school related activity, if the student has refused to comply with a request to refrain from further disruptive acts.

B. For self-defense or the defense of another.
C. To prevent a student from inflicting harm on himself or herself.

D. To quell a disturbance that threatens physical injury to any person.

E. To obtain possession of a weapon or other dangerous object upon or within the control of a student.

F. To protect property.

Any emergency use of physical restraint with a student must be in accordance with the Michigan Department of Education’s Supporting Student Behavior: Standards for the Emergency Use of Seclusion and Restraint (December, 2006) and District training on emergency safety interventions. See Board Policy JLDBB.

An employee, volunteer, or contractor of the Adrian Public Schools who exercises necessary reasonable physical force in accordance within this policy, upon a student, or another person of school age in a school-related setting, is not liable in a civil action for damages arising for the use of the physical harm.

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