MONONA GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Policy 447.1

USE OF PHYSICAL FORCE BY STAFF

No official, employee or agent of the Board may subject a student enrolled in the district to corporal punishment. "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 (IEP) or reasonable physical activities associated with athletic training.

An official, employee or agent of the Board is not prohibited from using:

1. Reasonable and necessary force to quell a disturbance or prevent an act that threatens physical injury to any person;

2. Reasonable and necessary force to obtain possession of a weapon or other dangerous object within a student's control;

3. Reasonable and necessary force for the purpose of self-defense or the defense of others, or for the protection of property in accordance with state statutes;

4. Reasonable and necessary force to remove a disruptive student from school premises, a motor vehicle or school-sponsored activity;

5. Reasonable and necessary force to prevent a student from inflicting harm on him/herself;

6. Reasonable and necessary force to protect the safety of others; or

7. Incidental, minor or reasonable physical contact designed to maintain order and control.

Nothing in state law or this policy shall prohibit, permit or otherwise affect any actions taken by an official, employee or agent of the Board with regard to a person who is not a student enrolled in the district.

LEGAL REFERENCES: Sections 118.31 Wisconsin Statutes
939.48

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