

NORTH BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

SERIES 1000: STUDENTS

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PHYSICAL RESTRAINT

The use of corporal punishment is prohibited. Corporal punishment is defined as using physical force or inflicting bodily pain in order to punish a student for unacceptable behavior. No employee or agent of the North Branford Board of Education may use physical force as a disciplinary measure. Reasonable physical force may be used upon a student to the extent that a teacher or other person entrusted with the care and supervision of such student for school purposes, reasonably believes it necessary to:

Protect himself/herself or others from immediate physical injury, including the student against whom force is used;

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

Protect property from physical damage;

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

Legal Reference: C.G.S. §53a-18 (Use of reasonable physical force or deadly physical force generally)
C.G.S. §53a-19 (Use of physical force in defense of person)
Report of the Task Force on Corporal Punishment NEA Public Act 89-186
C.G.S. §53a-20 (Use of physical force in defense of premises)
C.G.S. §53a-21 (Use of physical force in defense of property)

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