

## **CORPORAL PUNISHMENT**

1. No teacher or other employee or agent of the School Committee shall inflict corporal punishment on any pupil. "The power of the School Committee or of any teacher or other employee or agent of the School Committee to maintain discipline upon school property shall not include the right to inflict corporal punishment upon any pupil."
2. Nothing in this policy shall be interpreted as preventing a teacher or other employee or agent of the School Committee from using appropriate physical force in the following situations:
  - a. To protect himself/herself from assault by a student
  - b. To protect other students and staff members from the violent aggressive acts of a student
  - c. To prevent a student from harming himself/herself

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