

***MANDATORY***

**CORPORAL PUNISHMENT**

Persons employed or engaged as teachers, principals, or administrators in a school and noncertificated school employees and school bus drivers may, within the scope of their employment, use and apply such amount of force and restraint as is reasonable and necessary to quell a disturbance threatening physical injury to others, to obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects upon the person or within the control of the student, for the purpose of self-defense, or for the protection of persons or property.

When any employee inflicts unnecessary, unreasonable, irrational, or inappropriate force upon a student, he/she may be subject to discipline by this Board and criminal assault charges as well.

No person employed or engaged as a teacher, principal, administrator, nonlicensed school employee, or bus driver may inflict or cause to be inflicted corporal punishment as a means of discipline upon a pupil. Corporal punishment shall be defined as physical contact meant to inflict pain.

LEGAL REFS: O.R.C. §3319.41

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