

**CORPORAL PUNISHMENT/PHYSICAL RESTRAINT**

The Board of Education of the Kingston City School District prohibits the use of corporal punishment against a student by any teacher, administrator, officer, employee or agent of this School District.

As used in this policy, corporal punishment means any act of physical force upon a student for the purpose of punishing that student, except as otherwise provided herein.

In situations in which alternative procedures and methods not involving the use of physical force cannot reasonably be employed, any of the above enumerated persons may use reasonable physical force for the following purposes:

1. To protect oneself from physical injury;
2. To protect another student or teacher or any person from physical injury;
3. To protect the property of the school or others; or
4. To restrain or remove a student whose behavior is interfering with the orderly exercise and performance of school district functions, powers and duties, if that student has refused to comply with the request to refrain from further disruptive acts.

Whenever a school employee uses physical force against a student, the school employee shall report the incident to the building principal within the same school day. The building principal shall immediately investigate the incident and shall make a report to the Superintendent describing in detail the circumstances and the nature of the action taken, if any.

The Superintendent of Schools shall submit a written report semi-annually to the Commissioner of Education, with copies to the Board of Education, setting forth the substance of each complaint about the use of corporal punishment received by the School District during the reporting period, the results of each investigation, and the action, if any, taken by the School District in each case.

Rules of the Board of Regents Section 19.5  
8 New York Codes of Rules and Regulations  
(NYCRR) Section 100.2(1)(3)(i)

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