

## School District of Rib Lake

447.1

### STAFF USE OF PHYSICAL FORCE

Students shall not be subjected to corporal punishment in any form. Corporal punishment is defined as the intentional infliction of physical pain used as a means of discipline.

School personnel may use reasonable and necessary force as authorized by law to protect the health, safety and/or property of individuals within the school community. Specifically, school personnel may use reasonable and/or necessary force under the following circumstances:

- to quell a disturbance or prevent an act that threatens physical injury to another person;
- to obtain possession of a weapon or other dangerous object within a student's control;
- for the purpose of self-defense or the defense of others, or for the protection of property in accordance with state statutes;
- to remove a disruptive student from school premises, a motor vehicle or a school-sponsored activity;
- to prevent a student from inflicting harm on him/herself; or
- to protect the safety of others.

Incidental, minor or reasonable physical contact designed to maintain order and control may also be used in the District.

Anyone using physical force in violation of this policy should be reported to the building principal, who shall take appropriate action to deal with the policy violation. This shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, notifying the parents/guardians of the student involved and taking proper school disciplinary action against the offender.

Building principals shall be responsible for informing students, parents/guardians and school personnel of this policy annually.

### Legal References

Wisconsin Statutes

Section 115.787(3)(b)1 [IEP team duties; behavioral interventions and supports]

Section 118.164 [student removal from class]

Section 118.31 [use of physical force and corporal punishment; policy required]

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