

## **6.19 CORPORAL PUNISHMENT/USE OF PHYSICAL FORCE**

6.19.01 Corporal punishment shall not be used in the Oregon School District. For purposes of Board Policy, "corporal punishment" is defined as the intentional infliction of physical pain used as a means of discipline. It includes, but is not limited to, striking or prolonged maintenance of physically painful positions, when used as a means of discipline.

6.19.02 School officials, employees, or agents are not prohibited, however, from using:

1. Reasonable and necessary force to quell a disturbance or prevent an act that threatens physical injury to any person;
2. Reasonable and necessary force to obtain possession of a weapon or other dangerous object within a student's control;
3. Reasonable and necessary force for the purpose of self-defense or the defense of others, or for the protection of property in accordance with state statutes;
4. Reasonable and necessary force to remove a disruptive student from school premises, a motor vehicle or school sponsored activity;
5. Reasonable and necessary force to prevent a student from inflicting harm on him/herself;
6. Reasonable and necessary force to protect the safety of others; or
7. Incidental, minor or reasonable physical contact designed to maintain order and control.

6.19.03 In determining whether or not a person was acting within the exceptions above, deference shall be given to reasonable, good faith judgements made by a school official, employee or agent.

6.19.04 The staff shall be annually informed of this policy.

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