

SCOTLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
Board Policy

Students

Corporal Punishment

The use of corporal punishment is prohibited. Corporal punishment is defined as using physical force or inflicting physical hurt upon a child in order to punish him for misconduct or in order to regulate his behavior.

No person employed or engaged in work in a school or educational institution shall inflict or cause to be inflicted corporal punishment on a student attending such school or institution; but any such person may, within the scope of his/her employment, use and apply such force as is reasonable and necessary for the following;

- a. To quell a disturbance threatening physical injury to others.
- b. To remove from the person or control of a student and secure any firearm, deadly weapon, dangerous instrument, electronic defense weapon, martial arts weapon or other weapon on the person or within the control of a student.
- c. For the purpose of self-defense.
- d. For the protection against serious property damage. Such acts shall not be construed to constitute corporal punishment within the meaning and intendment of this section.
- e. In the area of special education, physical restraint may be appropriate in certain limited circumstances where a staff member has the current training and certification in the use of student restraint.

(cf. 4148/4248 - Employee Protection)

(cf. 5141.23 - Students with Special Health Care Needs)

(cf. 5144 - Use of Physical Force)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

53a-18 Use of reasonable physical force or deadly physical force generally

53a-19 Use of physical in defense of person

53a-20 Use of physical force in defense of premises

53a-21 Use of physical force in defense of property