

53A-11-802 Prohibition of corporal punishment -- Use of reasonable and necessary physical restraint or force.

- (1) A school employee may not inflict or cause the infliction of corporal punishment upon a child who is receiving services from the school, unless written permission has been given by the student's parent or guardian to do so.
- (2) This section does not prohibit the use of reasonable and necessary physical restraint or force in self defense or otherwise appropriate to the circumstances to:
 - (a) obtain possession of a weapon or other dangerous object in the possession or under the control of a child;
 - (b) protect the child or another person from physical injury;
 - (c) remove from a situation a child who is violent or disruptive; or
 - (d) protect property from being damaged.
- (3)
 - (a) Any rule, ordinance, policy, practice, or directive which purports to direct or permit the commission of an act prohibited by this part is void and unenforceable.
 - (b) An employee may not be subjected to any sanction for failure or refusal to commit an act prohibited under this part.
- (4) A parochial or private school may exempt itself from the provisions of this section by adopting a policy to that effect and notifying the parents or guardians of children in the school of the exemption.

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