BOARD OF EDUCATIONSchool District #33 (Chilliwack)

524.2 ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION Use of Physical Force with Students

As stated in the *School Act*, the discipline of a student while attending an educational program must be similar to that of a kind, firm and judicious parent but must not include corporal punishment.

Definition of corporal punishment: An action with intent to cause bodily suffering by inflicting pain as a penalty for an offence.

Employees may only use physical force to:

- arrest an act of violence
- 2. remove from a student a suspicious or dangerous weapon
- 3. prevent an act which might result in injury to self or others

The amount of force should be the minimum that is necessary.

The employee shall, whenever possible, avoid use of physical force which would likely cause the student to react violently. Instead the employee should contact the principal who may contact the parents or the police.

Cross Refs:

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