

## **447.1 CORPORAL PUNISHMENT/USE OF FORCE**

Corporal punishment shall not be used in the Williams Bay School District. Corporal punishment is defined as the intentional infliction of physical pain, physical restraint, and/or discomfort upon a student as a disciplinary technique.

School personnel are not, however, prohibited from using incidental, minor, or reasonable physical contact designed to maintain order and control or from using reasonable and necessary force under the following conditions:

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

School personnel who have used physical force with students shall report such use to the building principal as soon as possible.

The staff shall annually be informed of this policy.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Wisconsin Statutes, Sections 118.31, 939.48

CROSS-REFERENCE: 447 (Student Discipline)

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