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The Board of Education cannot condone resort to force or fear by a teaching staff member as an appropriate procedure in the discipline and control of pupils, even those pupils whose behavior is provocative and defiant. Each pupil enrolled in the schools of this district is protected by law from the infliction of corporal punishment.

Teaching staff members may use force upon pupils only when such force is necessary to put down a disturbance that threatens the safety of others, to remove a dangerous object from the control of a pupil, in self-defense, or in the protection of persons or property. Any such force may be only that reasonably necessary to accomplish its purpose.

The Board urges administrators and teachers to impress upon pupils that they will be held accountable for misconduct in accordance with Board policy on the discipline of pupils. A teaching staff member who administers corporal punishment or engages in unauthorized or inappropriate physical contact with pupils or knowingly permits pupils to harm themselves or one another will be subject to discipline by this Board of Education.

N.J.S.A. 18A:6-1; 18A:27-4; 18A:37-1

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