

## **CORPORAL PUNISHMENT**

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### **Philosophy**

The Seaford Board of Education believes that corporal punishment is not in keeping with the philosophy of the Seaford School District and its emphasis on building self-esteem in students as well as helping students develop self-discipline and exhibiting responsible behavior.

### **Definition**

For this policy, corporal punishment shall mean the use of physical force by an adult to punish or discipline a student in such a manner as to cause physical pain. Corporal punishment includes but is not limited to paddling, spanking, and slapping. Corporal punishment does not include the use of such physical contact as is reasonably necessary to maintain an orderly, safe, and non-threatening educational environment. Further, corporal punishment shall not mean the use of that reasonable and necessary amount of physical force to:

1. protect oneself from the threat of imminent bodily harm;
2. protect others from the threat of imminent bodily harm;
3. prevent a student from causing physical injury to himself/herself;
4. remove a student from the scene of a disturbance which threatens physical injury to others;  
and/or
5. protect property.

### **Standard**

It shall be the policy of the Board to prohibit any employee, or bus driver, or volunteer from administering corporal punishment to any student for any reason.

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