

Pennsbury School District

School Board Policy

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Title: Corporal Punishment and Use of Force

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to set forth the Board of School Director's directions on the use of corporal punishment.

This document, Index No. 218.1, replaces the previous Index No. 3005.

Definition: "Corporal punishment" means the act of physically punishing a student for an offense.

Policy: Corporal punishment may not be administered by teachers, school officials or any other school employee to discipline students.

Although corporal punishment is prohibited, reasonable force may be used by teachers, school officials and other school employees:

- a. to quell a disturbance, or
- b. to obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects; or
- c. for the purposes of self-defense; or
- d. for the protection of persons or property.

Reference: 22 Pa. Code § 12.5.

Responsible Administrator: Chief Executive Officer or Superintendent