

PROHIBITION OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT AND
ADMINISTRATION OF RESTRAINT & SECLUSION

The use of corporal punishment, defined as any act of physical force on a student for the purpose of punishment is not acceptable in the district and will not be tolerated as a disciplinary measure. The term will not apply, however, to the use of reasonable physical force in the following situations:

1. Self-defense
2. To protect other persons from physical injury
3. To protect property of the schools or others
4. To remove a student who has refused to comply with requests to refrain from disruptive behavior
5. To restrain or control a student that is out of control

By law, physical force may be used by the superintendent, principal, supervisor, and teachers and their aids and assistants. This authority extends to any person delegated to supervise students who are authorized to attend a school function away from school premises and to school bus drivers.

No employee of the Brandon Valley School District will use the method of prone restraint, defined as physical pressure applied to any part of the student's body to keep the student in a face down position on the floor or other surface, except when that use is necessary and reasonable in manner and moderate in degree.

No student will be placed in involuntary confinement in a locked room alone unless there is a clear and present danger.

Any employee using physical force to control a student will document the incident in writing, with copies given to the principal by the close of the school day. The Brandon Valley School District will notify the parent or guardian of the student, unless the student is emancipated, of an incident requiring the use of restraint or seclusion. This will be done by the end of the school business day.

The superintendent will keep the Board apprised of unusual or extreme incidents of the use of physical force.

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