

Policy 447.1

BARNEVELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

STAFF USE OF PHYSICAL FORCE/CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

The use of corporal punishment is strictly prohibited by state law. Corporal punishment shall not be used in the Barneveld School District. For purposes of Board policy, "corporal punishment" is defined as the intentional infliction of physical pain used as a means of discipline.

School officials, employees or agents are not prohibited, however, 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 the purpose of self-defense or the defense of others, or for the protection of property in accordance with state law;
- to remove a disruptive student from school premises, a motor vehicle or a school-sponsored activity;
- to prevent a student from inflicting harm on him/herself; or
- to protect the safety of others.

Incidental, minor or reasonable physical contact designed to maintain order and control may also be used in the District.

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