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Corporal Punishment

The Prince William County School Board prohibits the use of corporal punishment as defined in § 22.1-279.1 of the Virginia Code. Virginia Code provisions stipulate specific instances related to the use of reasonable physical contact. School employees are not prohibited from the use of incidental, minor, or reasonable physical contact with students, or other actions designed to maintain order and control, the use of reasonable and necessary force to quell a disturbance or remove a student from a scene of a disturbance that threatens physical injury to persons or damage to property, the use of reasonable and necessary force to prevent a student from inflicting physical harm on himself, the use of reasonable and necessary force for self-defense or the defense of others, or the use of reasonable and necessary force to obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects or controlled substance or paraphernalia which are upon the person of the student or within his control.

The Associate Superintendent for Student Learning and Accountability (or designee) is responsible for implementing and monitoring this policy.

This policy and any related regulations shall be reviewed at least every five years and revised as needed.

Legal References: Virginia Code §§ 22.1-279.1; 63.2-1511.