

**7200 EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES****7220 Discipline and Corporal Punishment**

Teachers and administrators shall have the authority, and it shall be their duty, to make and enforce by reasonable means rules and regulations to govern the behavior and promote learning in their respective classes. Such rules and regulations and the means by which they are enforced are subject to approval by administrative officials of the District.

The law gives the teacher the authority to act in place of the parent in all matters relating to conduct and behavior of students. However, the use of corporal punishment in any form is strictly prohibited in the schools and by the staff of the District.

In an effort to preserve order in the school environment and to protect all students and staff's health, safety and welfare while in the building or on school property during school hours, faculty and staff may place hands on a student with no intent to harm in the following situations:

- To separate students who are fighting or in the judgment of the faculty/staff person about to fight.
- To defend themselves.
- To obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects.
- For the protection of persons or property.
- To quell a disturbance. For example, a faculty/staff person gives a direct order to a student and the student refuses to follow through with the directive. The faculty/staff person is to repeat the order and if the student still refuses, the faculty/staff member may place their hand between the shoulder and elbow of the student and escort the student to the office in order to quell the disturbance being created by the student.
- To render aid to a student. Example: student trips, falls or becomes dizzy. The faculty/staff person, in order to render aid to the student, can help them to their feet and steady them with a hand on their arm as they are walked to the nurse's office.

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Cross Reference	-	