Corporal Punishment

The Board does not condone the use of force, fear, hitting, paddling, spanking, slapping, or other forms of corporal punishment as an appropriate procedure in student discipline or punishment.

No employee, volunteer, or contractor of the District shall inflict physical pain by hitting, paddling or spanking, or cause to be inflicted, corporal punishment upon a student as a means of punishment. Reasonable physical force may be used to maintain order and control in a school or a school related setting for the purposes of providing an environment conducive to safety and learning.

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

The Board subscribes to the philosophy of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) as recommended by the State Board of Education and set forth in the State Board of Education’s *Policy for the Emergency Use of Seclusion and Restraint* March 14, 2017, and expects staff will implement its practices.

Emergency Use of Seclusion and Restraint

As required by state law, the Board hereby adopts as its own policy and expects all employees, contractors, and vendors to comply with the State Board of Education’s policy for emergency use *Policy for the Emergency Use of Seclusion and Restraint* March 14, 2017, and its implementing rules, regulations, and guidelines. The Superintendent shall ensure that the appropriate level of training on the emergency use of seclusion and restraint is provided to all district personnel, substitute teachers, and those who will have regular contact with students.

Disciplinary Measures

The Board approves of the following disciplinary measures for use in the District for those students violating the District's student code of conduct: deny participation in special school activities; before or after school detention; disciplinary contractual arrangements; out-of-school suspension; in-school suspension; expulsion; graduation ceremonies; and/or disciplinary probation.

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The District’s administrators may also take disciplinary action against a student for off-campus conduct occurring at any time that would have a detrimental impact on school discipline, the educational environment, or the welfare of the students and/or staff. A student who has committed a criminal act while off campus and whose presence on campus could cause a substantial disruption to school or endanger the welfare of other students or staff is subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion. Such acts could include, but are not limited to a felony or an act that would be considered a felony if committed by an adult, an assault or battery, drug law violations, or sexual misconduct of a serious nature. Any disciplinary action pursued by the District shall be in accordance with the student’s appropriate due process rights.

All employees are responsible for the regulation of student conduct.

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