

**Darien Public Schools
Darien, Connecticut**

POLICY

**Series 5200
Rights and Responsibilities**

Policy 5260

USE OF REASONABLE PHYSICAL FORCE

Reasonable physical force may be used to the extent that, a teacher or other person entrusted with the care and supervision of a minor for school purposes believes it necessary to:

1. protect him/herself or others from immediate physical injury;
2. obtain possession of a dangerous instrument or controlled substance, upon or within the control of such student;
3. protect property from physical damage;
4. restrain student or remove student to another area to maintain order.

Physical force may not be used as a disciplinary measure.

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes 53a-18

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