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No teacher, administrator, officer, employee or agent of the Ballston Spa Central School District, shall use corporal punishment against a student.

The term Corporal Punishment shall mean any act of physical force upon a student for the purpose of punishing that student. Such term shall not mean the use of reasonable physical force for any of the following purposes:

- a. to protect oneself from physical injury;
- b. to protect another student or teacher or any other person from physical injury;
- c. to protect the property of the school or of others; or
- d. to restrain or remove a student whose behavior is interfering with the orderly exercise and performance of school district functions, powers or duties, if that student has refused to comply with a request to refrain from further disruptive acts; provided that alternative procedures and methods not involving the use of physical force have already been tried and/or cannot reasonably be employed to achieve the purposes set forth in this Policy.

The Superintendent of Schools is hereby directed to ensure District compliance with this policy including required periodic submissions to the NYS Education Department.

The District will maintain documentation on the use of emergency interventions for each student including:

- a. Name and date of birth of student;
- b. Setting and location of the incident;
- c. Name of staff or other persons involved;
- d. Description of the incident and emergency intervention used, including duration;
- e. A statement as to whether the student has a current behavioral intervention plan; and
- f. Details of any injuries sustained by the student or others, including staff, as a result of the incident.

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This documentation will be reviewed by District supervisory personnel and, if necessary, by the school nurse or other medical personnel.

8 NYCRR Sections 19.5, 100.2(l)(3), 200.15(f)(1) and 200.22(d)

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