MARSHALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SERIES 400 STUDENTS

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT/USE OF PHYSICAL FORCE

Corporal punishment shall not be used in the Marshall Public Schools. Corporal punishment includes, but is not limited to, paddling, forced exercise, prolonged maintenance of fixed or physically painful positions, confinement in uncomfortable places or slapping, when used as a means of discipline. School officials, employees and agents of the Board are not prohibited, however, from using:

- 1. Reasonable and necessary force to quell a disturbance or prevent an act that threatens physical injury to any person;
- 2. Reasonable and necessary force to obtain possession of a weapon or other dangerous object within a student's control;
- 3. Reasonable and necessary force for the purpose of self-defense or the defense of others, or for the protection of property in accordance with state statutes;
- 4. Reasonable and necessary force to remove a disruptive student from school premises, a motor vehicle or school-sponsored activity;
- 5. Reasonable and necessary force to prevent a student from inflicting harm on himself/herself;
- 6. Reasonable and necessary force to protect the safety of others; or
- 7. Incidental, minor or reasonable physical contact designed to maintain order and control.

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