

# Seaside School District 10

Code: **JGA**  
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The use of corporal punishment in any form is strictly prohibited in the District. No student will be subject to the infliction of corporal punishment by any teacher, other student, administrator, or other school personnel.

No teacher, administrator, student, or other person will subject a student to corporal punishment or condone the use of corporal punishment by any person under his/her supervision or control. Permission to administer corporal punishment will not be sought or accepted from any parent, guardian, or school official.

### **Physical Force**

Teachers and other individuals having charge of a class, activity or event are held responsible for maintaining order and for protecting the health and safety of those present. This also applies to events held off the District property if they are sanctioned by the school or if school staff present are representing the school. This includes both paid and voluntary representation. In certain circumstances it may be necessary to use reasonable physical force to carry out the responsibility.

#### Definitions:

1. Physical force is force applied to the body of an individual. It binds one to a course of action or enforced inaction;
2. Reasonable physical force for the purposes of this policy is force which is sufficient to protect an individual's health and safety or to restrain an individual from carrying out an unauthorized or illegal action, but should not reasonably be expected to cause life-threatening injury to the individual restrained or prevented from acting. Reasonableness takes into consideration the age, size, physical condition of the individual and the probable consequences if the individual were to continue the unacceptable action;
3. Order means the condition necessary to carry on the class or activity in such a manner that its intended end is accomplished;
4. Physical force, as used in this policy, is not physical punishment.

Procedures:

1. Each building administrator shall provide training for school staff and volunteers in the acceptable use of physical force. This training shall include at a minimum a demonstration of acceptable methods which may be needed with the age group attending the school and information regarding legal definitions and ramifications. If older students are often in the building, training in methods effective with them should be included;
2. The building administrator shall establish a system for summoning aid from other staff when necessary. Whenever possible, the principal or other identified staff shall assist the teacher needing to use physical force;
3. In order to protect the health and safety of all concerned, all staff members shall provide assistance to other staff if needed in carrying out this policy;
4. Physical force should be the last method used to maintain order or protect the health or safety of students, staff or others present;
5. The use of physical force is acceptable when, in the opinion of the staff member, time for other approaches is not available. Examples of this include: (a) a student at bat loses his/her temper and is attempting to strike another person; (b) a student is attempting to jump in front of a moving vehicle or from a high place; (c) a student is pushing another toward a piece of moving machinery, such as a saw, etc;
6. The physical force used should be the least damaging possible under the existing circumstances. Pressure holds or other applications which may result in bodily harm should be used only in extreme circumstances. An extreme circumstance is one in which the immediate health or safety of either the student or others is threatened;
7. An incident which requires the use of physical force as defined in the policy shall not necessarily be considered a serious discipline incident as defined in the District's suspension and expulsion policy. Physical force, particularly simple restraint, may be needed to maintain order or protect students when discipline is not at issue;
8. All incidents requiring the use of physical force, other than simple restraint as it relates to discipline, shall be reported to the building administrator. The building administrator shall make a written report regarding the facts of the incident including: parties involved, a factual description of the incident, a description of the force used, and the time, date and location of the incident. This record shall be maintained in the school office for three years;
9. Staff shall not be expected to risk personal injury in carrying out this policy;
10. Any incident, however minor, which results in any apparent injury to a student shall be reported to the parent by the principal. This includes any bruise or visible mark.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 161.205](#)

[ORS 339.240](#)

[ORS 339.250](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075](#)

[OAR 584-020-0040](#)