

Policy: Corporal Punishment
File Code: JGA

In accordance with Vermont State Law (16 VSA 1161 a), corporal punishment shall be prohibited within the Chittenden Central Supervisory Union (CCSU). Corporal punishment is defined as the intentional infliction of physical pain upon the body of a pupil as a disciplinary measure.

No person employed by, or agent of the CCSU shall inflict or cause to be inflicted corporal punishment upon a pupil. However, this policy does not prohibit an employee or agent from using reasonable and necessary force for non-disciplinary purposes as follows:

1. to quell a disturbance

(Note: The reasonable and necessary force authorized by the statute is not meant to be the typical classroom disturbance, but a major disturbance which might immediately threaten the safety or welfare of individuals in the area).

2. to obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects upon the person of or within the control of a pupil
3. for the purpose of self defense
4. for the protection of persons or property

When, in his/her judgment, an employee or agent of the CCSU must use force as described above, he/she will follow administrative reporting procedures approved by the superintendent's office which are on file in each school building.

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