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Use of Physical Force in the Maintenance of Discipline and Order

Although not encouraging the use of physical force, Pine Creek School Division does recognize that emergency situations may arise where the use of force by an employee may be justified. The use of force will normally be in the form of restraint where the student is prevented from hurting him/herself, other students, employees of the Division, or other individuals. Physical force may also be used in preventing damage or destruction of either the Division's or another's property.

The use of force must be reasonable under the circumstances and any action should be of the type expected of a responsible citizen and/or exercised by a kind, firm, and judicious parent. When physical force is used, the incident is to be reported to the Principal as soon as possible. The Principal will determine if further action is necessary; i.e. writing a report, interviewing witnesses, making consequences for student, notifying parents or superintendent, etc.

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