

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

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Corporal punishment is prohibited in the Westford Public Schools in accordance with the law that states:

“(a) The power of the school committee or of any teacher or other employee or agent of the school committee to maintain discipline upon school property shall not include the right to inflict corporal punishment upon any pupil.”

“(b) The provisions of this section shall not preclude any member of the school committee or any teacher or any employee or agent of the school committee from using such reasonable force as is necessary to protect pupils, other persons, and themselves from an assault by a pupil. When such an assault has occurred, the principal shall file a detailed report of such with the school committee.”

Massachusetts General Law References:

M.G.L. 71:37G – Corporal Punishment Prohibited

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