

WESTMORLAND UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Policy No. 5026: NO CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

- A. The California Legislature prohibits corporal punishment. No employee of the District may use corporal punishment on any pupil. The term "corporal punishment" means the willful infliction of, or willfully causing the infliction of, physical pain on a pupil.

- B. An amount of force that is reasonable and necessary for a person employed by or engaged in a public school to quell a disturbance threatening physical injury to persons or damage to property, for purposes of self-defense, or to obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects within the control of the pupil, is not and shall not be construed to be corporal punishment within the meaning and intent of this Board Policy. Physical pain or discomfort caused by athletic competition or other such recreational activity, voluntarily engaged in by the pupil, is not and shall not be construed to be corporal punishment within the meaning and intent of this Board Policy.

Legal Reference:
Education Code sections 49000, 49001

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