

International Academy of Columbus (IAC) Prohibition of Corporal Punishment

IAC does not condone the use of unreasonable force and fear as an appropriate procedure in student discipline, also known as corporal punishment.

All staff members should not find it necessary to resort to physical force or violence to deal with the obedience of a student. If all other means fail, staff members may always resort to removal of the student from the classroom or other procedures prescribed through the IAC's PBIS Policy and Procedures.

All staff members may, within the scope of their employment, use and apply reasonable and necessary force and restraint to handle a disturbance threatening physical injury to others, to obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects upon or within the control of the student, in self-defense, or for the protection of persons or property.

Corporal punishment is not permitted by any employee of IAC. If any employee threatens to inflict, or causes to inflict unnecessary, unreasonable, irrational, or inappropriate force upon a student, the employee may be subject to disciplinary action by IAC and possibly charges of child abuse to local authorities. This prohibition applies to volunteers and those with whom IAC contracts for services.

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