

USE OF FORCE BY SCHOOL OFFICIALS

The use of physical force by school personnel shall be limited to that which may reasonably be determined as necessary for the immediate protection of physical well-being or protection of public property and to maintain order and control. Such emergency situations may include the following:

- 1). To quell a disturbance or prevent an act that threatens physical injury to any person.
- 2). To obtain possession of a weapon or other dangerous object within a student's control.
- 3). For the purpose of self-defense or the defense of others.
- 4). For the protection of property.
- 5). To remove a disruptive student from school premises, from a motor vehicle or from school-sponsored activities.
- 6). To prevent a student from inflicting harm upon himself/herself.
- 7). To protect the safety of others.
- 8). For using incidental, minor or reasonable physical restraint designed to maintain order and control.

In determining whether or not a person was acting within the emergency situations listed above, deference shall be given to reasonable, good faith judgments made by an official, employee or agent of the school board.

Nothing in this section shall prohibit, permit or otherwise affect any action taken by an official, employee or agent of the school board with regard to a person who is not a pupil enrolled in the school district.

The Merton Community School District shall not discriminate in using reasonable or necessary force on the basis of sex, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures (see policy 6010: A, B, C).

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