

Policies and Regulations

Policy STC 931

Students

Crisis Intervention and Corporal Punishment

The use of corporal punishment, defined as any act of physical force upon a student for the purpose of punishing that student, is not acceptable at Southeast Technical College and will not be tolerated as a disciplinary measure. Physical interventions that are reasonable and necessary for supervisory control over students may be used only as a last resort.

Physical interventions shall not be used when less restrictive interventions can successfully maintain the safety of all persons involved in the incident. Physical intervention involves the use of safe and unarmful control and resistant of a student. Physical interventions may be appropriate in the following situations:

1. For the purpose of self defense
2. To protect other persons from physical injury
3. To protect property of the school or of others
4. To remove a student if the student has refused to comply with requests to refrain from disruptive behaviors

Physical interventions shall end as soon as the dangerous behavior ends or a medical condition places the student at risk of harm.

Notification Procedures

In the event that corporal punishment is used, the following reporting procedure will be followed:

1. The individual who has used physical force must file a written report using a specific incident report form. Staff will file this report with the President within 24 hours of the incident. If the President has used physical force, the President will file the report with the Sioux Falls School Board.
2. The report shall relate all relevant details of the incident, including date, time and place, what action was taken, why the action was taken, and what measures, if any, had been taken to prevent the need for such actions.
3. In cases where the student is under the age of 18, the parent/guardian will be notified in each case where physical force has been used. If circumstances do not allow that, a letter will be sent.
4. The report will be kept on file and be made available to the student or to the parent/guardian (if the student is under the age of 18) upon request.

5. The student or the parent/guardian (if the student is under the age of 18) will be given an opportunity to confer with the staff member, staff members, and the administrators involved in the incident to discuss the situation. The conference will take place at an agreed upon time.

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