University Schools

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Corporal Punishment

No employee of University Schools shall engage in corporal punishment, condone its use, or seek permission from another (including a parent) to administer it. Some examples of corporal punishment include, but are not limited to:

- Shoving, striking, grabbing, shaking or hitting a student
- Throwing objects at a student
- Unreasonable restraint of a student, including restraining with methods other than proper techniques used by a properly trained individual, or unreasonable failure to utilize such assistance;
- Directing others to engage in any of the activities listed above

There may be times when a University Schools' employee may need to use physical contact with a student. This should only be done for reasons of self-defense, defense of another, or the safety of the child. Any action done for these reasons must be:

- Proportional to the student's conduct; and
- The most limited means available to keep the situation safe

Resorting to physical contact to protect oneself or another and/or regain/maintain order must be a last resort after all other reasonable means have been exhausted. Employees should document such instances and submit them to their supervisor. Restraint and/or isolation of special education students are governed by relevant TN state law. Each situation will be reviewed by University Schools.