

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

The RSU 1 Board of Directors forbids the use of corporal punishment in accordance with Maine state law, which provides:

A. Reasonable force

A teacher or other person entrusted with the care or supervision of a person for special or limited purposes may not be held civilly liable for the use of a reasonable degree of force against the person who creates a disturbance if the teacher or other person reasonably believes it is necessary to:

1. Control the disturbing behavior; or
2. Remove the person from the scene of the disturbance.

B. Exceptions

Subsection 1 shall not apply to the intentional or reckless use of force that creates a substantial risk of death, serious bodily injury or extraordinary pain.

C. Effect on civil liability

This section may not be construed to increase the scope of potential civil liability of a teacher or other person entrusted with the care or supervision of a person for special or limited purposes.

Legal References: Title 17-A, MRSA, Sec. 106
Title 20-A, MRSA, Sec. 4009.1, 2

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