

#### **4.3.7 -- AUTHORITY FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

Teachers, principals, administrators and service personnel, such as bus drivers, have the authority to take customary and reasonable measures to maintain proper control and discipline among students placed under their care and supervision. Such measures may include the use of reasonable force in the exercise of lawful authority to restrain or correct students and maintain order.

The use of reasonable force by any employee of the Van Buren School District is authorized in the exercise of his/her lawful authority to restrain a refractory student, to protect a student from harm or to maintain order in any school building, on any school property or at any school sponsored event. A report shall be filed as soon as practicable following any incident in which force is used as authorized in this policy by the employee using such force. The report shall include a statement of reasons for the employees' actions, the names of student(s) involved and the names of witnesses and the signature of the employee.

Bus Drivers will be advised of their responsibility for discipline on the bus and their limitations in maintaining control and discipline at the workshop at the beginning of each year, and in written form.

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