

281—102.4 (280) Exceptions.

102.4(1) The following do not constitute physical abuse, and no school employee is prohibited from:

- a.* Using reasonable and necessary force, not designed or intended to cause pain:
 - (1) To quell a disturbance or prevent an act that threatens physical harm to any person.
 - (2) To obtain possession of a weapon or other dangerous object within a pupil's control.
 - (3) For the purposes of self-defense or defense of others as provided for in Iowa Code section 704.3.
 - (4) For the protection of property as provided for in Iowa Code section 704.4 or 704.5.
 - (5) To remove a disruptive pupil from class, or any area of school premises or from school-sponsored activities off school premises.
 - (6) To prevent a student from the self-infliction of harm.
 - (7) To protect the safety of others.

- b.* Using incidental, minor, or reasonable physical contact to maintain order and control.

102.4(2) In determining the reasonableness of the contact or force used, the following factors shall be considered:

- a.* The nature of the misconduct of the student, if any, precipitating the physical contact by the school employee.
- b.* The size and physical condition of the student.
- c.* The instrumentality used in making the physical contact.
- d.* The motivation of the school employee in initiating the physical contact.
- e.* The extent of injury to the student resulting from the physical contact.