

Georgia students can argue self-defense to justify school fights

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[State Supreme Court: Georgia students can argue self-defense to justify school fights](#)

It's about beeping time!

“In its first decision in a [school discipline case](#), the Georgia Supreme Court ruled zero tolerance policies on school fighting cannot deny students the right to assert they were defending themselves. The court said Georgia law gives students the legal right to argue self-defense as a justification. Georgia Code states, “A person is justified in threatening or using force against another when...he or she reasonably believes that such threat or force is necessary to defend himself or herself or a third person against such other’s imminent use of unlawful force.”

In essence, the state’s highest court ruled that Georgia law on self-defense requires schools to consider that defense in spite of zero tolerance policies on fighting.”

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