

Students

Corporal Punishment

I. Purpose

This policy describes limitations on corporal punishment of students.

II. General Statement of Policy

The school district strictly prohibits corporal punishment. No employee or agent of the district will cause corporal punishment to be inflicted upon a student to reform unacceptable conduct or as a penalty for unacceptable conduct. As used in this policy, the term “corporal punishment” means conduct involving hitting or spanking a person with or without an object, or unreasonable physical force that causes bodily harm or substantial emotional harm.

III. Exceptions

A teacher or school principal may use reasonable force when it is necessary under the circumstances to correct or restrain a student or prevent bodily harm or death to another. Other school district employees, school bus drivers, or other agents of a district may use reasonable force when necessary under the circumstances to restrain a student or prevent bodily harm or death to another.

IV. Violation

Employees who violate the provisions of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action as appropriate. Any such disciplinary action will be made pursuant to and in accordance with applicable statutory authority, collective bargaining agreements and school district policies. Violation of this policy may also result in civil or criminal liability for the employee.

Legal References:

Minn. Stat. § 123B.25 (Actions Against Districts and Teachers)

Minn. Stat. § 121A.58 (Corporal Punishment)

Minn. Stat. § 121A.582 (Student Discipline; Reasonable Force)

Minn. Stat. § 609.06 Subd. 1 (6) (7) (Authorized Use of Force)

Cross Reference:

Policy 506 (Student Discipline)

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