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## **507 CORPORAL PUNISHMENT**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to describe limitations on corporal punishment of students.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

No employee or agent of the school district shall 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**

School district employees may use reasonable force to restrain a student only when necessary to prevent the child from injuring him or herself, others or to prevent bodily harm or death to another.

### **IV. VIOLATION**

Employees who violate the provisions of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action as appropriate. Any such disciplinary action shall 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 References:* Chisago Lakes Policy 403 (Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of School District Employees)  
Chisago Lakes Policy 506 (Student Discipline)