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## **507 CORPORAL PUNISHMENT AND PRONE RESTRAINT**

**[Note: The provisions of this policy substantially reflect statutory requirements.]**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to describe limitations on use of corporal punishment and prone restraint upon a students.

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

No employee or agent of the school district shall inflict corporal punishment or use prone restraint upon a student. ~~or charter school 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, or 125A.0941 precludes the use of reasonable force under Minnesota Statutes, section 121A.582.~~

### **V. EXCEPTIONS**

A teacher or school principal may use reasonable force under the conditions set forth in Policy 506 (Student Discipline).

### **VI. 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. § 121A.58 (Corporal Punishment)  
Minn. Stat. § 121A.582 (Student Discipline; Reasonable Force)  
Minn. Stat. § 123B.25 (Legal Actions Against Districts and Teachers)  
Minn. Stat. § 609.06 Subd. 1 (6)(7) (Authorized Use of Force)

**Cross References:** MSBA/MASA Model Policy 403 (Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of School District Employees)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 414 (Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 415 (Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 506 (Student Discipline)