

PROCEDURE 507 – CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

I. Definition

Corporal punishment is conduct involving:

- A. Hitting or spanking a person with or without an object, or
- B. Unreasonable physical force that causes bodily harm or substantial emotional harm.

II. Corporal Punishment

- A. In the event a school district employee or agent strikes, hits, grabs or attempts to apply unreasonable force to a student, or in a violent rude or angry manner, touches or lays hands upon a student, the individual so acting will:
 1. Immediately notify the Principal of the incident.
 2. Submit a written report of the incident to the Principal prior to leaving the building for the day.
- B. Any school district employee or agent who witnesses an incident such as described in II.A. above will:
 1. Immediately notify the Principal of the incident.
 2. Report as directed in Policy and Procedure 414 – Mandated Reporting of Children and Vulnerable Adults.
- C. Upon receipt of a report of an incident such as described in II.A. above, the Principal will:
 1. Immediately notify the supervising Assistant Superintendent of Leadership Teaching and Learning (DLTL) and the Executive Director of Human Resources of the incident.
 2. Determine whether or not it is appropriate for the student and/or school district employee or agent to remain in class or at the job station. When possible, the Principal will make this determination in consultation with the supervising Assistant Superintendent or Executive Director of Human Resources.
 3. Inform the student's parent/guardian immediately after reporting the incident to the supervising Assistant Superintendent of DLTL.
 4. Submit a written report of the incident to the supervising Assistant Superintendent of DLTL.
 5. Report as directed in Policy and Procedure 414 – Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Children and Vulnerable Adults.

III. Permitted Restraint

A school district employee or agent may use permitted restraint of a student under atypical or strenuous conditions and in accordance with Policy 543, Use of Restrictive Procedures as Behavioral Interventions for Children with Disabilities Receiving Special Education Services.

IV. Notification

Principals will review Policy 507 – Corporal Punishment with their staff annually during the preschool workshop. This Policy 507 – Corporal Punishment will be referenced in building staff handbooks.

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Legal References

M.S. 121A.58
M.S. 121A.582
M.S. 123B.25
M.S. 609.06, Subd. 1(6), (7)

Cross References

Policy 414 – Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Children and Vulnerable Adults

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