

*Technical Academies of Minnesota*

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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 agent of the 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**

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

### **IV. VIOLATION**

District staff who violate the provisions of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action as appropriate. Any such disciplinary action shall be made pursuant to an in accordance with applicable statutory authority and District policies. Violation of this policy may also result in civil or criminal liability for the District staff member.

*Legal References:*     Minn. Stat. § 127.03, Subd. 3 (Actions against districts and teachers)  
                              Minn. Stat. § 127.45 (Corporal Punishment)  
                              Minn. Stat. § 609.06(06)(07) (Authorized use of force)