

LIONSGATE ACADEMY

925 USE OF REASONABLE FORCE

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to describe when reasonable force is permitted by law to be used with students at Lionsgate Academy.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. Lionsgate Academy is committed to promoting learning environments that are safe, secure, and orderly for all members of the school community. It further believes that students are the first priority and that they should be protected from physical or emotional harm at all school locations and during all school activities.
- B. All students, including those with IEPs, are subject to the terms of the school's discipline policy. Corrective action to discipline a student and/or modify a student's behavior will be taken by staff when a student's behavior violates the school's discipline policy.
- C. In accordance with *Minn. Stat. § 121A.582 (Student Discipline; Reasonable Force)*, a teacher or school principal, school employee, or other agent of Lionsgate Academy, in exercising the person's lawful authority, may use reasonable force when it is necessary under the circumstances to correct or restrain a student or prevent bodily harm or death to themselves or another, in accordance with this policy, and state and federal law.
- D. Parental Notification: The executive director or designee shall make reasonable efforts to notify the student's parent or guardian of the use of reasonable force as soon as possible following the incident.

Legal Reference:

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

Minn. Stat. § 121A.61 (Discipline and Removal of Students from Class)

Minn. Stat. § 125A.094-125A.0942 (Restrictive Procedures for Children with Disabilities)

Minn. Stat. § 609.06 (Authorized Use of Force)

Minn. Stat. § 609.379 (Permitted Actions)

20 U.S.C. § 1415(k)(6) (Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA))

34 C.F.R. § 300.535 (IDEA Regulation Regarding Involvement of Law Enforcement)

20 U.S.C. 1232g et seq. (Family Educational Rights and Privacy (FERPA))