

LIONSGATE ACADEMY

918 PROHIBITION OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

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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 Lionsgate Academy 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. REASONABLE FORCE

A Lionsgate Academy employee may use reasonable force when it is necessary under the circumstances to prevent bodily harm or death to self or others. If reasonable force is used, Lionsgate Academy requires the appropriate review of procedures and safeguards used to protect the student and others involved in the situation.

IV. VIOLATION

Employees who violate the provisions of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination, as appropriate. Any such disciplinary action shall be made pursuant to and in accordance with applicable statutory authority and school 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 (Actions Against Districts and Teachers)

Minn. Stat. § 609.06 Subd. 1 (6)(7) (Authorized Use of Force)