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*EMID 6067 Board Policy 507*

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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 employee of EMID 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**

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

### **IV. 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, and 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 (Actions against Districts and Teachers)  
Minn. Stat. § 609.06(06)(07) (Authorized Use of Force)

***Cross References:*** EMID Policy 403 (Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of District Employees)  
EMID Policy 506 (Student Discipline)