

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to describe limitations on corporal punishment of students.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

No staff or agent of NWSISD 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

NWSISD staff may use reasonable force when it is necessary under the circumstances to correct or restrain a student or prevent bodily harm or death to another. School bus drivers or other agents of NWSISD may use reasonable force when necessary under the circumstances to restrain a student or prevent bodily harm or death to another.

IV. VIOLATION

NWSISD 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 and in accordance with applicable statutory authority, collective bargaining agreements and NWSISD policies. Violation of this policy may also result in civil or criminal liability for staff.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.25 (Actions Against Districts and Teachers)
Minn. Stat. § 121A.58 (Corporal Punishment)
Minn. Stat. § 121A.582 (Student Discipline; Reasonable Force)
Minn. Stat. § 609.06 Subd. 1 (6)(7) (Authorized Use of Force)

Cross References: NWSISD Policy 403 (Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of NWSISD Staff)
NWSISD Policy 506 (Student Discipline)

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