



Use of Reasonable Force and Prohibition of Corporal Punishment

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I. PURPOSE

This policy defines East Range Academy of Technology and Science's prohibition of corporal punishment and allowances of reasonable force.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

Corporal punishment of students is **prohibited** by East Range Academy. Reasonable force is allowed by law under certain circumstances.

III. POLICY

It is the policy of East Range Academy to ensure that administrators, teachers, staff, and other agents of the school comply with Minnesota law regarding the use of reasonable force in dealing with students and to prohibit the use of corporal punishment.

IV. CORPORAL PUNISHMENT PROHIBITED

- A. The authority to use reasonable force does not authorize the use of "corporal punishment" defined by Minnesota Statute §121A.58 to mean conduct involving (1) hitting or spanking a person with or without an object; or (2) unreasonable physical force that causes bodily harm or substantial emotional harm.
- B. East Range Academy employees and agents shall not inflict corporal punishment or cause corporal punishment to be inflicted upon a pupil to reform unacceptable conduct or as a penalty for unacceptable conduct.

V. REASONABLE FORCE

- A. Only East Range Academy administrators, teachers, staff, and other agents who have received accredited de-escalation training may use approved methods of restraint (reasonable force) as a last resort to prevent bodily harm or death to another.
- B. **Students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Plan.** Students with an IEP or Section 504 Plan may not be restrained or physically held except in an emergency where immediate intervention is required to protect a person from physical injury (see Policy 516, Use of Restraints for Special Education Students).