TRIO Wolf Creek Distance Learning Charter School #4095

507 CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish expectations for punishment for all students in the charter school, and to provide for the safety of all said students.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

No employee or agent of the charter school 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

Charter school employees may use reasonable force to restrain a student only when necessary to prevent the child 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 charter school policies. Violation of this policy may also result in civil or criminal liability for the employee.

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: Policy 403 (Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Charter School Employees)
Policy 506 (Student Discipline)