Policy: Student Open Defecation and Urination
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Definitions:

Urination means the discharge of urine from the body.
Defecation means the discharge of feces from the body.
Open Defecation and Urination means defecating or urinating anywhere other than into a toilet or brief/incontinence pad. This includes wiping and/or smearing of feces or urine that the student pulls out from a brief/incontinence pad or toilet.

Spectrum Academy makes every effort to accommodate students’ needs while they are at school. When a student openly defecates and/or urinates in a school building, it can cause serious health risks to other students and employees. In this situation the following protocol will be followed:

1. Parents/Guardians will be notified immediately to come pick up their child and clean the affected area.

2. Spectrum Academy will provide necessary cleaning supplies to parents.

3. Spectrum Academy Administration will arrange for sanitation of the affected area in compliance with Spectrum Academy’s Cleaning and Disinfecting Guidelines.

4. Spectrum Academy administration will ensure an Incident Report is filled out and that each occurrence is reported to the Director of Academics and the Behavior Services Coordinator.

5. If a student engages in 3 or more incidences of Open Urination and/or Defecation within 5 consecutive school days, a meeting with parents will be called to discuss needs, interventions, and appropriate placement for the student.

6. This policy is used with caution with students who have cognitive delays and does not apply to students who are actively toilet training. Spectrum Academy Administration has the discretion to determine if the policy will be applied in a specific situation or with a specific student.