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Prohibition of Corporal Punishment

The use of corporal punishment in common schools is prohibited. Corporal punishment is defined as any act that willfully inflicts or willfully causes the infliction of physical pain on a student.

Corporal punishment does not include:

1. The use of reasonable physical force by an administrator, teacher, other school employee or volunteer as necessary to maintain order to prevent a student from harming him/herself, other students, school staff and other persons, or property;
2. Physical pain or discomfort resulting from or caused by training for or participation in athletic competition or recreational activity voluntarily engaged in by a student;
3. Physical exertion shared by all students in a teacher directed class activity, which may include, but is not limited to, physical education exercises, field trips or vocational education projects; or

Cross Reference: Board Policy 3241

Classroom Management, Corrective
Actions or Punishment

Legal References: RCW 28A.150.300

Corporal punishment prohibited—Adoption
of policy

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Discipline—Conditions and limitations

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