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Prohibition of Corporal Punishment

The use of corporal punishment is prohibited. Corporal punishment is defined as any act, which 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.
4. Isolation, restraint, or restraint devices may not be used on any student, except as provided for under Policy 2155.

Legal Reference: [RCW 28A.150.300](#) Corporal punishment prohibited-Adoption of policy.

[WAC 392-400-825](#) Corporal punishment, restraint, and isolation.

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