

## **Prohibition of Corporal Punishment**

The use of corporal punishment in common schools is prohibited. Corporal punishment is defined as any act which willfully inflicts or willfully causes the infliction of physical pain on a student, and is not permitted.

Corporal punishment does not include:

- A. 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;
- B. 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;
- C. 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.

### **Cross Reference:**

Board Policy 3241 Student Discipline

### **Legal References:**

RCW 28A.150.300 Corporal punishment prohibited — Adoption of policy  
WAC 392-400-235 Discipline — Conditions and limitations

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