

Prohibition of Corporal Punishment

The use of corporal punishment in 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, staff member , or volunteer as necessary to maintain order to prevent students from harming themselves, other students, staff member(s), other persons, or property;
2. Physical pain or discomfort resulting from or caused by training for or participating 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.

Cross References:

3220 - Rights and
Responsibilities
3241 - Student Discipline
4200 - Safe and Orderly
Learning Environment
5282 - Civility
5253 - Maintaining
Professional Boundaries
Between Employees and
Students

Legal References:

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

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