Corporal punishment is 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 themselves, 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; or

Cross References: Policy 3241 Student Discipline
Legal References: RCW 28A.150.300 Corporal punishment prohibited – Adoption of policy
WAC 180-400-235 Discipline – Conditions and limitations

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