

Section: **STUDENTS**

Policy Title: **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:

- 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; or

Cross Reference: Policy 3241 Classroom Management, Discipline and Corrective Action

Legal References: RCW 28A. 150.300 Corporal punishment prohibited - Adoption of Policy  
WAC 180-40-235 Discipline - Conditions and Limitations

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