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Prohibition of Corporal Punishment

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:

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 himself or 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; or

4. Physical restraint or the use of aversive therapy as part of a behavior management program in a student’s individual education program which has been signed by the parent(s) or guardian(s) and is carried out according to district procedures in compliance with WAC 392-172-388 through 398.

Legal References:    RCW 9A.16.100    Washington Criminal Code
                     WAC 180-40-235    Discipline--Conditions and Limitations

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