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Corporal Punishment

As per WAC 392-400-235, corporal punishment is not permitted. Corporal punishment is 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 or restraint by an administrator, teacher, security personnel, 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;
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 and is carried out according to District procedures in compliance with WAC 392-172A-03120 through 03135.

Cross Reference:

cf. 3241 Corrective Actions or Punishment

Legal References:

RCW 28A.150.300 Corporal punishment prohibited-Adoption of policy
WAC 392-400-235 Discipline--Conditions and limitations
WAC 392-172A-03120 through 03135 Aversive interventions

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