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## **3244 Prohibition of Corporal Punishment**

The use of corporal punishment is prohibited in Seattle Public Schools. 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:

- 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, other persons, or property;
- 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; or
- 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.

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### **Superintendent Procedure:**

#### **Policy Cross References:**

- 3240 – Student Behavior and Disciplinary Responses
- 3246 – Restraint, Isolation and Other Uses of Physical Crisis Intervention

#### **Previous Policies:**

#### **Legal References:**

- RCW 28A.150.300 Corporal punishment prohibited — Adoption of policy.
- WAC 392-400-825 Corporal punishment, restraint, and isolation.

#### **Management Resources:**

#### **Last Board Review:**

#### **Revisions:**

- April 7, 2025 (Administrative Update per Policy No. 1310)
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#### **Adopted by the Board:**

- December 7, 2011