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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:

- 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, 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; or
- 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.

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Cross Reference: Policy No. 3246

Related Superintendent Procedure:

Previous Policies:

Legal References: RCW 28A.150.300 Corporal punishment prohibited — Adoption of policy;

WAC 392-172A-03130 Aversive interventions – Conditions; WAC 392-400-235 Discipline –

Conditions and limitations

Management Resources: