

**Greater Albany SD 8J**  
**Board Policy**

Code: **JGA**  
Adopted: 3/12/01

## **Corporal Punishment**

The use of corporal punishment in any form is strictly prohibited in the district. No student will be subject to the infliction of corporal punishment.

Corporal punishment is defined as the willful infliction of, or willfully causing the infliction of, physical pain.

Corporal punishment does not mean the use of physical force as defined in this policy as authorized in ORS 161.205, or physical pain or discomfort resulting from or caused by participating in athletic competition or such recreational activity, voluntarily engaged in by a student.

No teacher, administrator, other school personnel or school volunteer will subject a student to corporal punishment or condone the use of corporal punishment by any person under his/her supervision or control. Permission to administer corporal punishment will not be sought or accepted from any parent or school official.

A staff member is authorized to employ physical force when, in his/her professional judgment, the physical force is necessary to prevent a student from harming self, others or doing harm to district property. Also a staff member may use reasonable physical force upon a student when and to the extent the staff member reasonably believes it necessary to maintain order in the school or classroom or at a school activity or event, whether or not it is held on school property. Physical force shall not be used to discipline or punish a student. The superintendent shall inform all staff members and volunteers of this policy.

END OF POLICY

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Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 161.205](#)

[ORS 339.240](#)

[ORS 339.250](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075](#)

[OAR 584-020-0040](#)