

InterMountain Education Service District

Code: **JGA**
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Corporal Punishment**

The use of corporal punishment in any form is strictly prohibited in the ESD. 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.

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 ESD 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.

Corporal punishment is any act which willfully inflicts or willfully causes the infliction of physical pain on a student. Corporal punishment is prohibited by Oregon law and is **not** an acceptable practice for discipline in the ESD.

Corporal punishment does not include the emergency use of reasonable physical force by a school administrator, teacher, school employee, or volunteer as necessary to maintain order or to prevent a student from harming him/herself, other students, and school staff or property.

Corporal punishment does not include any physical pain or discomfort resulting from or caused by voluntary participation in an athletic competition or recreational activity, 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.

Physical restraint or seclusion, when used as a part of a behavior support plan in a student's individual education program or Section 504 plan, which has been developed with parent participation, is not considered corporal punishment.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 161.205](#)

[ORS 339.240](#)

[ORS 339.250](#)

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

[OAR 584-020-0040](#)

Cross Reference(s):

JGAB - Use of Restraint and Seclusion