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- To prevent a student from inflicting harm on themself;
- For self-defense or the defense of others; or
- To obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects or controlled substances or paraphernalia which are upon the person of the student or within their control.

For the purposes of this policy, "corporal punishment" means the infliction of, or causing the infliction of, physical pain on a student as a means of discipline. "Corporal Punishment" does not include physical pain, injury or discomfort caused by participation in practice or competition in an interscholastic sport, or participation in physical education or an extracurricular activity.

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Commented [2]: I'm wondering about the line of exercise as punishment (push-ups, running laps, etc.) both in and out of PE. Doesn't necessarily inflict pain but is a physical punishment.

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