Canadian School Corporal Punishment Policies  
Source:  Canadian Teachers' Federation,  Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA.  February 2000.  
Red indicates that corporal punishment by teachers was defensible in the Province, while green indicates its prohibition by Provincial law prior to 2004.

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| Province | Policy Prior to Jan. 2004 ruling |
| Ontario | Unless the School Board prohibited it, corporal punishment was defensible under article 43. The Education Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E-2, Section 264(e) states that it is the duty of a teacher to maintain, under the direction of the principal, proper order and discipline in the teacher's classroom while on duty in the school and on school grounds.  Section 23(1) of R.R.O., Reg. 298, states that a pupil shall accept such discipline as would be exercised by a kind, firm and judicious parent. |
| Alberta | Unless the School Board prohibited it, corporal punishment was defensible under article 43. 26 of the 65 school boards banned corporal punishment prior to 2000. (Reported by the Calgary Herald, Calgary, Alberta, CANADA) |
| Manitoba | Unless the School Board prohibited it, corporal punishment was defensible under article 43. |
| Saskatchewan | Unless the School Board prohibited it, corporal punishment was defensible under article 43. The Education Act, S.S. 1995 c.E-0:2, Section 150(3)(f) states that every pupil shall submit to any discipline that would be exercised by a kind, firm and judicious parent. |
| Nunavut | Unstated |
| Quebec | Education Act of 1988 prohibited corporal punishment |
| Newfoundland | School Act, S.N. 1996, c. S-12.1, Section 36 states that a person shall not administer corporal punishment to a student in school.  There is nothing stated in the Regulations about the use of force. |
| Prince Edward Island | The School Act, S.P.E.I. 1993, C.35, Section 73(1) provides that the manner in which a student is disciplined while attending school shall be similar to that administered by a kind, firm and judicious parent, but shall not include corporal punishment. |
| Nova Scotia | Ministerial Education Act Regulations, N.S. Reg. 80/97, Section 37(4)(e) provides that corporal punishment is not an acceptable component of discipline in the schools of Nova Scotia. |
| New Brunswick | The Education Act, S.N.B., 1997, c. E-1.12, section 23 provides that a teacher shall not discipline any pupil by administering corporal punishment. |
| British Columbia | Under the School Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, C.412, Section 76(3) it states that discipline of a student while attending an educational program made available by a board or a provincial school must be similar to that of a kind, firm and judicious parent but must not include corporal punishment. |
| Northwest Territories | The Education Act, S.N.W.T., 1995, c.28, Section 34(3) provides that corporal punishment shall not be used in the discipline of students. |
| Yukon | The Education Act, S.Y., 1989-90, c.25, Section 36, provides that corporal punishment shall not be used in the discipline of students. |

Laws or Ruling that Prohibiting Corporal Punishment in Schools  
Prior to January 2004, Canada and the U.S. banned school's from corporally punishing students   
in 8 Provinces and 28 States.  But they had no federal policy on the matter.    
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| Year | Country | Year | Country |
| 1783 | Poland | 1970 | Germany |
| 1820 | Netherlands | 1970 | Switzerland |
| 1845 | Luxembourg | 1982 | Ireland |
| 1860 | Italy | 1983 | Greece |
| 1867 | Belgium | 1986 | United Kingdom\*\*\* |
| 1870 | Austria | 1990 | New Zealand |
| 1881 | France | 1990 | Namibia |
| 1890 | Finland | 1996 | South Africa |
| 1900 | Japan | 1998 | England\* |
| 1917 | Russia | 1998 | American Samoa |
| 1923 | Turkey | 1999 | Zimbabwe |
| 1936 | Norway | 2000 | Zambia |
| 1949 | China | 2000 | Thailand |
| 1950 | Portugal | 2000 | Trinidad and Tobago |
| 1958 | Sweden | 2001 | Kenya |
| 1967 | Denmark | 2002 | Fiji |
| 1967 | Cyprus | 2004 | Canada |

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| \*This ban solidifies a ban imposed in 1986, extending the ban to ALL private schools. |
| \*\*\*  Includes:  England, Scotland, Wales, and N. Ireland |