

## **STUDENTS**

### **Use of Physical Restraint and Isolation with Students**

The district strives to maintain a safe and beneficial learning environment for all students. Physical restraint and isolation of a student should be avoided; however, on occasion it may be necessary to use physical restraint or to isolate a student to preserve the safety of students and staff. Restraint, isolation, and other forms of reasonable force may be used on a student when reasonably necessary to control spontaneous behavior that poses an imminent likelihood of serious harm as defined by procedure 2210P.

If restraint or isolation as defined by state law is used, school staff will promptly notify the principal or principal's designee, who will verbally notify the parent/guardian of the affected student within 24 hours and will send written notification to the parent/guardian of the affected student within five (5) business days of the use of restraint or isolation. School staff will document the incident in a written report within two (2) business days. The principal or principal's designee will review the incident with the staff member involved and the student and the parent/guardian.

Parents or guardians of students who have individualized education programs (IEPs) or Section 504 plans will be provided a copy of the district's policy and procedure on use of physical restraint and isolation at the time the IEP or plan is created. In addition, the IEP or Section 504 plan will include within the plan procedures for notification of a parent/guardian regarding the use of restraint or isolation.

#### Cross References:

[Board Policy 2210](#)

[Board Policy 2211](#)

[Procedure 3319P](#)

Special Education and Related  
Services for Eligible Students  
Education of Students with  
Disabilities Under Section 504 of the  
Rehabilitation Act of 1973  
Use of Physical Restraint and  
Isolation with Students

#### Legal References:

[RCW 9A.16.020](#)

[RCW 9A.16.100](#)

[RCW 28A.150.300](#)

[RCW 28A.155.210](#)

Use of force—When lawful  
Use of force on children—Policy—  
Actions presumed unreasonable  
Corporal punishment prohibited—  
Adoption of policy  
Use of restraint or isolation—  
Requirement for procedures to notify  
parent or guardian

[RCW 28A.600.485](#)

Restraint of students with  
individualized education programs or  
plans developed under Section 504  
of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973—  
Procedures—Definitions

[RCW 28A.600.486](#)

District policy on the use of isolation  
and restraint—Notice to parents and  
guardians of children who have  
individualized education programs or  
plans developed under section 504 of  
the rehabilitation act of 1973

[WAC 392-172A](#)

Rules for the Provision of Special  
Education

[WAC 392-400-235](#)

Discipline—Conditions and  
limitations

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