

Physical Restraint and Seclusion of Students and Use of Exclusionary Timeout

The Board of Education (Board) seeks to foster a safe and positive learning environment for all students. Bethany Public School District (District) employees will restrict the use of physical restraint and seclusion of students to emergency situations, in accordance with this Policy and accompanying Administrative Regulations and applicable law. Physical restraint or seclusion of a student may be necessary in an emergency situation to maintain the safety of the student or another individual. The District also regulates the use of exclusionary timeout in accordance with this Policy and accompanying Administrative Regulations and applicable law.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to develop and implement Administrative Regulations in accordance with this Policy and applicable law. The Board mandates compliance with this Policy and the associated Administrative Regulations at all times. Violations of this Policy and/or associated Administrative Regulations by a District employee or other individual working at the direction of, or under the supervision of, the District, may result in disciplinary action, up to and including possible termination of employment status and/or termination of contract for services.

Nothing within these regulations shall be construed to interfere with the District's responsibility to maintain a safe school setting, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes. Under no circumstances shall employees or individuals under the supervision of the District use corporal punishment with students or physically manage students for purposes of discipline.

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes § 10-76b
 Connecticut General Statutes § 10-76d
 Connecticut General Statutes § 10-236b
 Connecticut General Statutes §§ 53a-18 to 53a-22
 Public Act 18-51
 Regulation Connecticut State Agencies §§ 10-76b-5 to 10-76b-11

Other References: Restraint and Seclusion: Resource Document, United States Department of Education, available at <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/seclusion/restraints-and-seclusion-resources.pdf>
 Understanding the Laws and Regulations Governing the Use of Restraint and Seclusion, Connecticut State Department of Education (July 2018)
 Guidance Related to Recent Legislation Regarding Restraint and Seclusion, Connecticut State Department of Education (Revised July 2018)

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