

## INSTRUCTION

### Restraint, Isolation and Other Uses of Reasonable Force

The Board of Directors prioritize safety and promotes the assurance of a safe learning and working environment while treating all students with dignity and respect. The district emphasizes prevention and de-escalation so that all students, including those with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or plan developed under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504 plan), will remain free from unreasonable restraint, restraint devices, isolation, and other uses of physical force. Under no circumstances will these techniques be used as a form of discipline or punishment.

This policy is intended to address district students. It is not intended to prevent or limit the use of restraint or other reasonable force as necessary with adults or other youth from outside the district as allowed by law.

Use of restraint, isolation and other forms of reasonable force may only be used on any student when reasonably necessary to control spontaneous behavior that poses an “imminent likelihood of serious harm” as defined by RCW 71.05.020 and Chapter 392-172A WAC and explained in the procedure accompanying this policy. Serious harm includes physical harm to self, another, or District property. Staff will closely monitor such actions to prevent harm to the student and will use the minimum amount of restraint and isolation appropriate to protect the safety of students and staff. The restraint, isolation and other forms of reasonable force will be discontinued when the likelihood of serious harm has dissipated.

Parents of students will be notified should an incident of restraint, isolation, or use of other reasonable force occur. The incident will be reviewed and reported as required by law. In addition, annual reporting will be made, as required by law, by the superintendent or a designee.

Legal References:	RCW <u>9A.16.020</u>	Use of force –When lawful.
	RCW <u>9A.16.100</u>	Use of force on children –Policy—Action presumed unreasonable.
	RCW <u>28A.155.210</u>	Use of restraint or isolation – Requirement for procedures to notify parent or guardian.
	RCW <u>28A.600.485</u>	Restraint of students- Use of restraint or isolation specified in individualized education programs or plans developed under section 504 of the rehabilitation act of 1973- Procedures – Summary of incidents of isolation or restraint – Publishing to website.
	RCW <u>28A.150.300</u>	Corporal punishment prohibited – Adoption of policy.
	RCW <u>28A.600.485</u> –	Restraint of students – Use of restraint or isolation specified in individualized education programs or plans developed under section 504 or the rehabilitation act of 1973 – Procedures – Summary

of incidents of isolation or restraint – Publishing to website.

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