

## PROHIBITIONS ON THE USE OF TIMEOUT AND PHYSICAL RESTRAINTS

- I. Statement of Policy
  - A. All students of the Waterville Central School District (the District) should be educated in a safe, respectful, and non-restrictive environment where they can receive the instruction and other supports needed to learn.
  - B. Pursuant to Commissioner’s Regulation 19.5, teachers, administrators, officers, employees, and agents are prohibited from using the following against a student:
    1. Corporal punishment;
    2. Placing a student in a locked room or space;
    3. Restraints used in such a manner that restrict the student’s ability to breathe or communicate, or that harms the student;
    4. Aversive interventions;
    5. Prone restraints; and
    6. Mechanical restraints.
  - C. The Superintendent or designee shall work with staff to implement school-wide, classroom, and individualized systems of positive, evidence-based behavioral interventions and supports. The District prohibits the use of timeout, timeout rooms and physical restraints.

---

Waterville Central School District

Legal Ref: NYS Education Law § 4402(9); 8 NYCRR 19.5, 100.2, 200.1, 200.7, 200.15, 200.22; Penal Law §35.10; 8 NYCRR 19.5; Johnson v. Newburgh Enlarged School District 239 F.3d 246 (2001); *Dear Colleague Letter*, U.S. Department of Education (March 24, 2023); *Addressing the Needs of Children with Disabilities and IDEA’s Discipline Provisions*, U.S. Department of Education (July 19, 2022); *Restraint and Seclusion: Resource Document*, U.S. Department of Education (May, 2012)

Cross Ref: 1005, Student Code of Conduct; 8502, Special Education Programs and Services  
Adopted: 02/13/24