

Collegiate Academies Seclusion and Restraint Policy Summary

This policy establishes official guidelines for CA employees on seclusion and physical restraint, ensuring compliance with Louisiana law (Act 479 of 2025 and Bulletin 1706). Its core principle is the preservation of scholar safety and dignity. Physical restraint and seclusion are strictly measures of last resort, permissible only for an **imminent risk of serious physical harm** to the scholar or others, and only after other interventions have failed.

The policy explicitly **prohibits** mechanical restraint, use for discipline or convenience, and application to scholars with pre-certified medical conditions. **Only staff trained and certified through the Therapeutic Crisis Intervention for Schools (TCIS) Program** may implement these interventions. Procedures require all use of restraint to be safe and proportional. Seclusion rooms must meet strict environmental standards and include continuous monitoring. Documentation and reporting are mandatory: incidents must be submitted to the principal by the end of the school day, and parents must be notified in writing **within 24 hours**. For scholars with disabilities, three incidents in a year require an IEP team review and revision of the Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP).