Policy 3246
Students

Restrain, Isolation and Other Uses of Reasonable Force

It is the policy of the board that the district maintains a safe learning environment while treating all students with dignity and respect. All students in the district, including those who have an individualized education program (IEP) or plan developed under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, will remain free from unreasonable restraint and isolation. 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 or isolation may only be used on a student when reasonably necessary to control spontaneous behavior that poses an imminent likelihood of serious harm as defined by RCW 28A.600.485 and explained in the procedure accompanying this policy.

The superintendent or a designee will develop procedures to implement this policy and ensure that the district complies with laws governing restraint and isolation of students.

Comments In December 2011, WSSDA staff performed a non-substantive review. This policy falls under that review. Legal References

RCW 9A.16.020Use of force - When lawful

RCW9A.16.100Use of force on children - Policy - Actions presumed unreasonable

RCW 28A.150.300 Corporal Punishment Prohibited - Adoption of policy

RCW 28A.155.210 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 - Summary of incidents of isolation or restraint - Publishing to web site. [as amended by SHB 1240]

RCW 71.05.020 Definitions

WAC 392-172A-01092 Imminent

WAC 392-172A-01107 Isolation

WAC 392-172A-01109 Likelihood of serious harm

WAC 392-172A-01162 Restraint

WAC 392-172A-02076 Prohibited practices

Cross References

2161 - Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students

2162 - Education of Students With Disabilities Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Management Resources

2026 - July Issue

2021 - December Issue

2016 - March Issue

2015 - July Policy Alert

2013 - December Issue

2013 - July Issue

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