

**USE OF PHYSICAL RESTRAINT***Physical Restraint*

The Board of Education recognizes that students sometimes exhibit inappropriate behaviors that impede learning. As a result, students may require unique approaches to intervention and support so that they can continue to benefit from their educational program. Staff will adhere to federal and state statute and regulation in the administration of physical restraint.

Staff will not use physical restraint as a substitute for systematic intervention to modify inappropriate behavior. Staff who may be called upon to physically restrain a student will be trained on safe and effective ways to do so. Physical restraint may be used in an emergency where no other approach would be effective as a safety response to behavior likely to result in physical injury to self or others.

*Training*

Training for staff on policies and procedures related to the use of physical restraint and related behavior management practices, will be provided semi-annually for re-certification, according to the standards of the approved program.

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