

Policy Information

Series 6000 - Students

Corporal Punishment, Adverse Interventions and Physical Restraints

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SUBJECT: CORPORAL PUNISHMENT, ADVERSE INTERVENTIONS AND PHYSICAL RESTRAINTS

Corporal punishment as a means of discipline shall not be used against a student by any teacher, administrator, officer, employee or agent of this school district.

Adverse interventions means an intervention that is intended to induce pain or discomfort for the purpose of eliminating or reducing student behavior.

Physical restraint means a personal restriction that immobilizes or reduces the ability of a student to move their arms, legs, body, or head freely. Physical restraint does not include a physical escort or brief physical contact and/or redirection to promote student safety, calm or comfort a student, prompt or guide a student when teaching a skill or assisting a student in completing a task, or for other similar purposes.

However, if alternative procedures and methods eliminate the use of physical force and any of the following conditions occur, then the use of reasonable physical force is not prohibited.

Whenever a school employee uses physical force against a student the school employee shall, within the same school day, make an immediate report to his/her supervisor describing in detail the circumstances and the nature of the action taken. The following action must be taken as well:

1. Same day notification to parents/guardians following the use of timeout (even when in conjunction with a BIP) or a physical restraint
2. Documentation should be maintained by the school for each incident involving use of time out or physical restraint and be available for review by SED upon request
3. After each incident, a debriefing must be held as soon as practicable in which a school administrator or designee

Beginning with 2024-2025 school year, all schools must submit an annual Student Behavioral Interventions Report to SED which will include:

1. The use of physical restraint and timeout.
2. Substantiated and unsubstantiated allegations of the use of corporal punishment, mechanical restraint and other aversive interventions, prone physical restraint and seclusion.
3. Submitted on a form and at a time prescribed by the commissioner with the requirements of section 100.2(bb)(2).

Section 19.5 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and
Sections 100.2, 200.1, 200.7, 200.15, and 200.22 of the
Regulations of the Commissioner of Education

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