

PHYSICAL RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION OF STUDENTS

The Board of Education recognizes that it has a responsibility to maintain safe, orderly and caring school environments for all of its students and employees. Respect for student rights, maintaining student dignity and the safety of all involved is paramount.

The Board believes that behavioural interventions for all students should emphasize prevention and positive behaviour supports, and that every effort should be made to employ interventions that preclude the need for physical restraint or seclusion.

The Board recognizes that the use of emergency physical restraint or seclusion procedures will be used in exceptional circumstances where a student poses an immediate danger of serious harm to self or others.

Reference: *School Act RSBC 1996, Section 76(3)*

BC Ministry of Education Provincial Guidelines – Physical Restraint and Seclusion in School Settings June 3, 2025

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