

Use of Physical Restraint

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Definition

For the purpose of this policy, physical restraint shall mean a restriction imposed by a person that immobilizes or reduces the ability of a student to freely move arms, legs, body, or head. Physical restraint does not include physical contact that:

- a. Helps a student respond or complete a task;
- b. Is needed to administer an authorized health-related service or procedure;
- c. Is needed to physically escort a student when the student does not resist or the student's resistance is minimal.

Philosophy

The Seaford School District seeks to serve individuals using positive and proactive behavior management strategies which preserve student dignity, foster self-discipline, maximize social and emotional growth, and are consistent with desired behaviors of students.

Standard

As such, it is the policy of the Seaford School District that school personnel may use physical restraint when a student presents a significant and imminent risk of bodily harm to self or others. The physical restraint shall meet all of the conditions outlined in Section 4112F of Title 14 Delaware Code.

Administration shall be responsible for the investigation of the physical restraint and reporting the restraint to the Delaware Department of Education (DDOE), in a uniform format as determined by the DDOE, within 72 hours of the restraint and providing that written report to the parent/guardian no later than the date on which the report is filed with the DDOE.

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