

**RESTRAINT, ISOLATION AND OTHER USES OF REASONABLE FORCE**

It is the policy of the Riverview Board of Directors 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 the unreasonable use of force. Under no circumstances will these techniques be used as a form of discipline or punishment.

Restraint and other uses of physical force, as defined in the procedure accompanying this policy, may be used when necessary to prevent or minimize imminent bodily injury to self or others. Restraint and other uses of physical force may be used to protect district property if de-escalation interventions have failed or are inappropriate.

Use of restraint, isolation, and other forms of reasonable force may be used on any student when reasonably necessary to control spontaneous behavior that poses and “imminent likelihood of serious harm” as defined by RCW 70.96B.010 and explained in the procedure accompanying this policy. Serious harm included physical harm to self, another, or district property. Staff will closely monitor such actions to prevent harm to the student and will use the minimum amount of restraint and isolation appropriate to protect the safety of students and staff. The restraint, isolation, and other forms of reasonable force will be discontinued when the likelihood of serious harm has dissipated.

This policy is intended to address students enrolled in the district. It is not intended to prevent or limit the use of reasonable force or restraint as necessary with adults or other youth from outside the school as allowed by law.

The superintendent or a designee will develop procedures to implement this policy, including review, reporting and parent/guardian notification of incidents involving restraint or isolation as required by law. Additionally, the superintendent will annually report to the board on incidents involving the use of force.

Cross References:	Policy 2040	Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students
	Policy 2038	Education of Students With Disabilities Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
	Policy 3036	Isolation and Restraint of Students with IEPs and Section 504 Plans
Legal References:	RCW 9A.16.020	Use of Force — When lawful
	RCW 9A.16.100	Use of Force on Children — Policy — Actions presumed unreasonable
	RCW 28A.150.300	Corporal Punishment Prohibited
	RCW 28A.155.210	Use of Restraint or Isolation — Requirements for procedures to notify parents

RCW 28A.600.485

Restraint of Students with  
Individualized Education Programs  
or Plans Developed under Section  
504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973  
– Procedures – Definitions

RCW 70.96B.010  
Chapter 392-172A WAC

Definitions  
Rules for the Provision of Special  
Education

Chapter 392-400-235

Discipline — Conditions and limitations

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