

USE OF RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION WITH STUDENTS

Every effort should be made to prevent the need to restrain or place students in seclusion. However, the MSD of Wayne Township recognizes that at times it may become necessary for employees to use reasonable restraints and/or seclusion when there is an imminent risk of serious physical harm to the student or others. Restraint or seclusion should not be used as a means of punishment or convenience.

A supportive school environment can greatly reduce, and in many cases eliminate, the need for restraint or seclusion. The District will use prevention, positive behavior intervention and support, and conflict de-escalation strategies to eliminate or minimize the need for use of restraint or seclusion. District staff should promote and teach students appropriate behavior and should model appropriate behavior with their own conduct.

This Policy applies to all students, not only students with disabilities. Any behavioral intervention, including any physical restraint or seclusion, must be consistent with any applicable behavioral intervention plan (BIP), or individualized education program (IEP), as well as with this restraint and seclusion plan.

Law enforcement officers, including School Resource Officers (SROs) will follow their own procedures and training if it becomes necessary to restrain or hold a student in seclusion.

The Superintendent or his or her designee shall develop administrative guidelines and a Restraint and Seclusion Plan to effectuate this Policy.

MSD of Wayne Township, Marion County, Indiana

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