Students

Restraint, Isolation and Other Uses of Reasonable Force

It is the policy of the Snohomish School District 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 plan (IEP) or a plan developed under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, will remain free from unreasonable restraint, restraint devices, isolation, and other uses of physical force. Under no circumstance will these techniques be used as a form of discipline or punishment.

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

Use of restraint, isolation, and other forms of reasonable force may be used on a student when reasonably necessary to control spontaneous behavior that poses an "imminent likelihood of serious harm" as defined by RCW 70.96B.010 and Chapter 392-172A WAC, and explained in the procedure accompanying this policy. Serious harm includes 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.

The district's Superintendent or 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.

Cross References: Policy	[,] 2161 Spe	ecial Education and R	Related Services for	r Eligible Students
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Policy 2162 Education of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504 of

the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Policy 4220 Complaints Concerning Staff or Programs

Legal References:	RCW 9A.16.020	Use of force – When lawful
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RCW 9A.16.100 Use of force on children – Policy – Actions presumed

unreasonable

RCW 28A.150.300 Corporal Punishment Prohibited – Adoption of

Policy

RCW 28A.155.210 Use of restraint or isolation – Requirement for

procedures to notify parent or guardian

RCW 28A.600.485 Restraint of students with individualized education

programs or plans developed under section 504 of

the rehabilitation act of 1973 – Procedures – Summary of incidents of isolation or restraint – Publishing to web site. [as amended by SHB 1240] Classification: Essential

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