

CLOVER PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT
Policy Series: Students

Policy No. 3246

Restraint, Isolation, and Other Uses of Reasonable Force

It is the policy of the Clover Park School District Board of Directors that the district maintains a safe learning environment while treating all students with dignity and respect. All district students, including those who have an individualized education plan (IEP) or 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 circumstances 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.

Restraint and other uses of physical force, 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 an “imminent likelihood of serious harm” as defined by RCW 70.96B.010 and WAC 392-172A 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 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:	Board Policy 2161	Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students
	Board Policy 2162	Education of Students With Disabilities Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
	Board Policy 3248	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

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RCW 28A.155.210	Use of restraint, isolation – requirements for procedures to notify parent or guardian
RCW 28A.600.485	(as amended by SHB 1240)
RCW 70.96B.010	Definitions
Chapter 392-172A WAC	Rules for the provision of special education
392-400-235	WAC 392-400-235 Discipline — Conditions and limitations

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