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Restraint and Seclusion

The District believes that the school environment should be one in which the care, safety and welfare of all students and staff members are priorities. Efforts to promote positive interactions and solutions to potential conflict should be extensive. In the event that an individual's behavior presents a threat of harm to self or others, the use of physical restraint or seclusion may be used as is necessary or appropriate to maintain a safe environment.

1. The Garretson School District will notify parents or guardians of the student, unless the child is emancipated, of an incident that required the use of restraint or seclusion. Contact by District administrators will be attempted the day of the incident.
2. Physical restraint may be used when there is an immediate risk of physical harm to the student or others. No employee of the Garretson School District will use the method of prone restraint, defined as physical pressure applied to any part of the student's body to keep the student in a face down position on the floor or other surface, except when that use is necessary and reasonable in manner and moderate in degree. Mechanical and chemical restraints will not be used in the Garretson School District. No methods of restraint may be used that are capable of causing loss of consciousness or that restrict respiration. The use of pressure points, pain compliance or joint manipulation techniques are prohibited.
3. No student in the Garretson School District will be placed in involuntary confinement in a locked room alone.

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