

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

It is the policy of the Selkirk School District 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 with an Individualized Education Program (IEP), or a plan developed under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504 Plan) will remain free from the unreasonable use of 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.

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 Chapter 392-172A WAC. 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 a designee will develop procedures to implement this policy, including review, reporting and parent/guardian notifications 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: Board Policy 2162	Education of Students with Disabilities under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
Board Policy 2161	Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students
Legal Reference: WAC 392.400.235	Discipline—Conditions and limitations.
WAC 392.172A	Rules for the Provision of Special Education
RCW 70.96B.010	Definitions
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 28A.155.210	Use of restraint or isolation—Requirement for procedures to notify parent or guardian

RCW 28A.150.300	Corporal punishment prohibited—Adoption of policy
RCW 9A.16.100	Use of Force on Children—Policy—Actions presumed unreasonable
RCW 9A.16.020	Use of Force—When lawful

Management Resources: *Policy News*

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