

RESTRAINT OF STUDENTS

Physical restraint may only be used by Waynesboro School Board staff for the purpose of behavioral intervention in accordance with this policy and the Virginia Board of Education Regulations Governing the Use of Seclusion and Restraint in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools in Virginia. The School Board encourages the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports to reduce and prevent the need for the use of physical restraint and seclusion.

The superintendent is responsible for developing procedures to address the requirements of the Board of Education Regulations. Those procedures shall include:

- examples of the positive behavioral interventions and support strategies consistent with the student's rights to be treated with dignity and to be free from abuse that the school division uses to address student behavior, including the appropriate use of effective alternatives to physical restraint and seclusion;
- a description of initial and advanced training for school personnel that addresses appropriate use of effective alternatives to physical restraint and seclusion and the proper use of restraint;
- a statement of the circumstances in which physical restraint may be employed, which shall be no less restrictive than that set forth in 8 VAC 20-750-40 and 8 VAC 20-750-50;
- provisions addressing the
 - notification of parents regarding incidents of physical restraint, including the manner of such notification;
 - documentation of the use of physical restraint;
 - continuous visual monitoring of the use of any physical restraint to ensure the appropriateness of such use and the safety of the student being physically restrained, other students, school personnel, and others. These provisions shall include exceptions for emergency situations in which securing visual monitoring before implementing the physical restraint or would, in the reasonable judgment of the school personnel implementing the physical restraint, result in serious physical harm or injury to persons;

The School Board reviews this policy at least annually and updates it as appropriate. The superintendent reviews the procedures at least annually and updates them as appropriate.

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Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, § 22.1-78, 22.1-279.1, 22.1-279.1:1.

8 VAC 20-750-40.

8 VAC 20-750-50.

8 VAC 20-750-70.

Cross Refs.:	BF	Board Policy Manual
	CH	Policy Implementation
	EB	School Crisis, Emergency Management, and Medical Emergency Response Plan
	IGBA	Programs for Students with Disabilities
	JFC	Student Conduct
	JGA	Corporal Punishment
	JGDA	Disciplining Students with Disabilities
	JGDB	Discipline of Students with Disabilities for Infliction of Serious Bodily Injury
	KNAJ	Relations with Law Enforcement Authorities