

USE OF REASONABLE FORCE

It is the policy of the Concrete 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 who have an individualized education program (IEP) or plan developed under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, will remain free from unreasonable use of restraint, restraining devices, isolation and other uses of physical force.

District staff may use reasonable force to maintain order or to prevent a student from harming him/herself, others students and school staff, or property.

The use of restraint, isolation, and other forms of reasonable force may be used on any student when reasonably necessary to control the spontaneous behavior and only when used by authorized and trained district staff after de-escalation interventions have failed or are in appropriate:

- A. If the student's behavior poses a threat of imminent bodily injury or substantial great harm to self or others; or,
- B. To prevent significant property damage.

Staff will closely monitor such actions to prevent harm to the student and will use the minimum amount of restraining and isolation appropriate to protect the safety of students and staff. The restraint, isolation, or other forms of reasonable force will be discontinued when the likelihood of serious harm has dissipated. Physical force, restraint devices, chemical spray or less than lethal devices will not be used as a form of discipline or punishment.

The superintendent or designee will develop procedures to implement this policy, including review, reporting and parent/guardian notification of incidents involving restraints as required by law. Additionally, the superintendent or a designee will annually report to the board on incidents involving the use of force.

Cross References:	Policy 2161	Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students
	Policy 2162	Education of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
Legal References:	RCW 28A.150.300	Corporal Punishment Prohibited
	9A.16.020	Use of Force — When lawful
	9A.16.100	Use of Force on Children — Policy — Actions presumed unreasonable
	RCW 28A.155.210	Use of restraint or isolation — Requirement for procedures to notify parents or guardians
	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 [as amended by SHB 1240]
	Chapter 391-172A WAC	Rules for the provision of special education

WAC 392-400-235

Discipline — Conditions and limitations

Management Resources:

Policy and Legal News, 2016 - March Issue

Policy and Legal News, 2015 - July Policy Alert

Policy and Legal News, December 2013

WSSDA issues new policy specific
*to isolation and restraint of students
with IEP's and Section 504 plans*

Policy and Legal News, July 2013

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requirement pursuant to ESSB 1688

Policy News, December 2008

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