

EMERGENCY INTERVENTIONS

Emergency Interventions that require the use of reasonable physical force shall be authorized only under the following circumstances, when necessary:

1. to protect oneself from physical injury;
2. to protect a student, another student or teacher or any other person from physical injury;
3. to protect school property or the property of others; and/or
4. to restrain or remove a student whose behavior is interfering with the ordinary exercise and performance of district functions, powers and duties, if that student refuses to comply with a verbal request to refrain from further disruptive acts and only after all other forms of progressive discipline have failed.

Only those persons who are currently certified and trained in the use of de-escalation techniques and the use of restraint shall be authorized to use emergency interventions as defined above.

Emergency interventions are authorized only when the use of alternative interventions, including verbal redirection and/or other interventions that do not require physical contact with the student would not have been effective to address the offending behavior.

The use of an emergency intervention as a means of punishment is strictly prohibited and shall not be used as a substitute for an individual behavior plan, where developed to address targeted behaviors.

Reasonable physical force constitutes that degree of physical force that is necessary to protect property or persons, or to remove a student, in accordance with this policy.

REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

1. Any staff member who administers an emergency intervention shall notify the school nurse and the building principal immediately thereafter.
2. Whenever possible, the school nurse shall be called upon to examine the student and issue a written report of any injury resulting from the use of an emergency intervention;
3. The parent(s) of the child shall be notified of the use of an emergency intervention by the principal, upon receipt of an oral report, and a record shall be maintained of such notification.
4. The staff member shall complete a written report, on a form provided by the Principal that includes the following information:
 - The name and birthday of the student involved;
 - The setting, location and time of the incident;
 - The name of staff and any other persons involved including witnesses;
 - A description of the incident and the duration of the use of the emergency intervention
 - A statement of whether the student has a current behavior intervention plan and

- What other steps, if any, were taken prior to the use of the emergency intervention.
 - If no other steps were taken prior to the use of the emergency intervention, explain why such steps would have been ineffective.
 - Describe any injury resulting to the student or the faculty member as a result of the use of a physical intervention.
 - In the event of any injury, was an accident report filed? If not, why not?
5. A copy of the written report issued by the school nurse following the use of an emergency intervention shall be maintained with the written report.
 6. A copy of the written report shall be available to the parent, upon request.

PROHIBITION OF THE USE OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT reference Policy 5314.