

Bethel School District #52
Administrative Rule

JGAB. USE OF PHYSICAL RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION

Procedure

1. If restraint or seclusion continues for more than 30 minutes, school staff will attempt to immediately notify parents or guardians verbally or electronically.
2. Following an incident involving the use of restraint or seclusion, school staff will provide parents or guardians of the student the following:
 - a. Verbal or electronic notice of the incident by the end of the school day when the incident occurred.
 - b. Written documentation of the incident within 24 hours that provides:
 - (1) A description of the restraint or seclusion including:
 - (a) The date of the restraint or seclusion;
 - (b) The times the restraint or seclusion began and ended; and
 - (c) The location of the incident.
 - (2) A description of the student's activity that prompted the use of restraint or seclusion;
 - (3) The efforts used to de-escalate the situation and the alternatives to restraint or seclusion that were attempted;
 - (4) The names of staff of the district who administered the restraint or seclusion;
 - (5) A description of the training status of the staff of the district who administered the restraint or seclusion, including any information that may need to be provided to the parent or guardian; and
 - (6) Timely notification of a debriefing meeting to be held and of the parent's or guardian's right to attend the meeting.
3. If the restraint or seclusion was administered by a person without training, the administrator will ensure written notice is issued to the parent or guardian of the student that includes the lack of training, and the reason why a person without training administered the restraint or seclusion. The administrator will ensure written notice of the same to the superintendent.
4. An administrator will be notified as soon as practicable whenever physical restraint and/or seclusion has been used.
5. If restraint or seclusion continues for more than 30 minutes, the student must be provided with adequate access to bathroom and water every 30 minutes. If physical restraint or seclusion continues for more than 30 minutes, every 15 minutes after the first 30 minutes, an administrator for the district must provide written authorization for the continuation of the restraint or seclusion, including providing documentation for the reason the restraint or seclusion must be continued. Whenever restraint or seclusion extends beyond 30 minutes, staff of the district will immediately attempt to verbally or electronically notify a guardian.
6. A district Restraint and/or Seclusion Incident Report must be completed and copies provided to those attending the debriefing meeting for review and comment. The completed Restraint and/or Seclusion Incident Report Form shall include the following:
 - a. Name of the student;
 - b. Name of staff member(s) administering the restraint or seclusion;
 - c. Date of the restraint or seclusion and the time the restraint or seclusion began and ended;
 - d. Location of the restraint or seclusion;
 - e. A description of the restraint or seclusion;

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- f. A description of the student's activity immediately preceding the behavior that prompted the use of restraint or seclusion;
 - g. A description of the behavior that prompted the use of restraint or seclusion;
 - h. Efforts to de-escalate the situation and alternatives to restraint or seclusion that were attempted;
 - i. Information documenting parent or guardian contact and notification.
7. A documented debriefing meeting must be held within two school days after the use of physical restraint or seclusion; any employee involved in the physical restraint or seclusion must be included in the debriefing meeting. The debriefing team shall include an administrator. Written notes shall be taken and a copy of the written notes shall be provided to the parent or guardian of the student.
8. If serious bodily injury or death of a student occurs in relation to the use of restraint or seclusion, written notification of the incident must be provided to the Department of Human Services within 24 hours of the incident.
9. If serious bodily injury or death of a staff member occurs in relation to the use of restraint or seclusion, written notification of the incident must be provided to the superintendent within 24 hours of the incident, or to the union representative for the affected person, if applicable.
10. The district will maintain a record of each incident in which injuries or death occurs in relation to the use of restraint or seclusion.

Restraint and seclusion as a part of a behavior support plan in the student's Individual Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 plan:

1. Parent participation in the plan is required.
2. The IEP team that develops the behavior support plan shall include knowledgeable and trained staff, including a behavior specialist and a district representative who is knowledgeable about physical restraint training and practices in the district.
3. Prior to the implementation of any behavior support plan that includes restraint and/or seclusion, a functional behavior assessment must be completed. The assessment plan must include an individual threshold for reviewing the plan.
4. When a behavior support plan includes restraint or seclusion, the parents will be provided a copy of the district Physical Restraint and Seclusion Policy at the time the plan is developed.

Use of restraint and/or seclusion in an emergency by school administrator, staff or volunteer to maintain order or prevent a student from harming themselves, other students or school staff.

Use of restraint and/or seclusion under these circumstances with a student who does not have restraint and/or seclusion as a part of their IEP or Section 504 plan, is subject to all of the requirements established by Board policy and this administrative regulation with the exception of those specific to plans developed in an IEP or 504 plan.