

USE OF PHYSICAL INTERVENTION AND RESTRAINTS

In dealing with disruptive students, any person employed by the District may, within the scope of his/her employment, use reasonable and appropriate physical intervention or force as necessary for the following purposes:

1. To prevent a student from an act of wrong-doing.
2. To quell a disturbance threatening physical injury to others.
3. To obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects upon a student or within the control of a student.
4. For the purpose of self-defense.
5. For the protection of persons or property.
6. To maintain discipline.

Employees who utilize physical intervention and restraints may be immune from civil liability under applicable law.

Generally, any such acts are not in conflict with the legal definition of child abuse and are not construed to constitute corporal punishment within the meaning and intention of this policy.

However, under no circumstances, may a student be physically held for more than 5 minutes unless the provisions regarding restraint contained in the accompanying regulation are followed.

Any method or device used to involuntarily limit a student's freedom of movement, including bodily physical force (for more than 5 minutes), mechanical devices, and seclusion, will be in compliance with applicable state law and federal laws. The Superintendent/or designee will develop regulations and procedures addressing such matters as reporting, tracking, and reviewing, on an annual basis, the use of restraint, as well as developing a training program related to the use of restraint, consistent with this policy and applicable law.

Corporal punishment will not be administered to students by anyone in any District schools.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. § 18-1-703 (use of physical force by those supervising minors)
C.R.S. § 18-6-401 (1) (definition of child abuse)
C.R.S. § 19-3-103 (1) (definition of abuse and neglect)
C.R.S. § 22-32-109.1 (2) (a), (9) (Colorado Safe Schools Act)
C.R.S. § 26-20-101 *et seq.* (protection of persons from restraint)
C.C.R. § 2620-R-1.00, *et seq.* (protection of persons from restraint)
C.R.S. § 24-10-101, *et seq.* (Colorado Governmental Immunity Act)

CONTRACT REFS.: CSEA Agreement, Article XIII--Student Discipline, Section B --Teacher Responsibilities/Protection, subsection 2