

Riddle School District 70

Code: **JGA-AR**
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Use of Physical Restraint of Students

A staff member is authorized to employ physical restraint when, in his/her professional judgment, the physical restraint is necessary to prevent a student from harming self, others or doing harm to district property. Physical restraint shall not be used to discipline or punish a student.

Reasonable physical restraint is the use of physical restraint sufficient to protect and individual's health and safety or to restrain an individual from carrying out an unauthorized or illegal action.

Reasonableness takes into consideration the age, size, physical condition of the individual and the probable consequences if the individual were to continue the unacceptable action.

Physical restraint as used in the policy is not physical punishment.

Staff shall not be expected to risk personal injury to carry out this policy. Each school shall establish a procedure for a staff member to get help in an emergency situation that involves physical restraint. Volunteers are directed to call on a staff member to handle any situation which involves physical restraint.