

Willamette Education Service District

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Reasonable Physical Force

It shall be the policy of the ESD that employees may use physical force to restrain a student when such student's actions create a danger to other persons, property, or themselves. Physical force shall not be used to discipline or punish a student. Physical force is defined as "any force a person uses against another person."

Requirements/General Statement

1. Physical force may be used to restrain a student when:
 - a. The student is physically attacking any other person;
 - b. The student is attempting to or threatening to attack any other person;
 - c. The student is engaged in destroying/damaging property;
 - d. The student is endangering him/herself;
 - e. When it is necessary to physically remove a student from one location to another;
 - f. In all cases, the physical force used shall overcome resistance from the student only;
 - g. In all cases, the physical force used shall be terminated when the student ceases his/her actions.

Limitations

1. No employee shall use physical force as punishment;
2. No employee shall use or continue to use physical force when the student does not pose a threat to persons or property;
3. Amount and type of force used shall be commensurate with the student's age, physical characteristics, and disability.

Reporting Requirements

1. In all cases where physical force is used to restrain a student, the employee shall, as soon as reasonably possible, submit a written incident report. The incident report shall contain at least:
 - a. The date, time, and location of the incident;
 - b. Student(s) and employee(s) involved;
 - c. Student's actions requiring use of force;
 - d. Name and agency of law enforcement personnel, if notified;
 - e. Amount and type of force used by employee;
 - f. What will be done to lessen the chance that a similar incident will happen again.

2. The incident report will be distributed to administration, the teacher, parents and resident district director, when appropriate, with a copy placed in the student's education records.

Approved Methods/Training

1. In all cases, employees shall attempt to use a type of force designed to subdue, blanket the student;
2. The administration shall provide training in the use of physical force at least once a year, depending upon staffing, classroom needs, and instructor availability to all employees involved in the classroom teaching process.