

Summary of Board Policy

5630.01- POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION AND SUPPORTS AND LIMITED USE OF RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION

The Board is committed to the District-wide use of PBIS with students. Student Personnel shall work to prevent the need for the use of restraint and/or seclusion.

Professional staff members and support staff determined appropriate by the Superintendent are permitted to physically restrain and/or seclude a student in limited circumstances as set forth in this Policy.

All restraint and seclusion shall only be done in accordance with this Policy, which is based on the standards adopted by the State Board of Education regarding the use of student restraint and seclusion, and consistent with the Ohio Department of Education's (ODE's) Policy on Positive Behavior Interventions and Support, and Restraint and seclusion (adopted January 15, 2013).

The Superintendent shall develop emergency procedures for the District.

Physical restraint and seclusion shall be implemented only by Student Personnel who have been trained in accordance with this Policy to protect the care, welfare, dignity and safety of the student, except in the case of rare and unavoidable emergency situations when trained personnel are not immediately available.

Notwithstanding the requirements of this Policy and ODE's corresponding standards and policy, school personnel may use reasonable force and restraint in

accordance with R.C. 3319.41. Persons employed or engaged as teachers, principals, or administrators, nonlicensed school employees and school bus drivers may, within their scope of their employment, use and apply such amount of force and restraint as is reasonable and necessary to quell a disturbance threatening physical injury to others, to obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects upon the person or within the control of the pupil, for the purpose of self-defense, or for the protection of persons or property.

Seclusion of a preschool-age student is prohibited, except that a preschool-age child may be separated from his or her classmates, either in the classroom or in a safe, lighted, and well-ventilated space, for an amount of time that is brief in duration and appropriate to the child's age and development, if the child is always within sight and hearing of a preschool staff member.

The following practices are prohibited under all circumstances, including emergency safety situations:

- a. corporal punishment;
- b. child endangerment as defined in Ohio Revised Code 2919.22;
- c. aversive behavioral interventions.