

BOARD POLICY 447.11

447.11 – Use of Seclusion and Physical Restraint

No employee, independent contractor, employee of an independent contractor, student teacher, or volunteer (excluding law enforcement officers), may use seclusion or physical restraint on a student unless the student is exhibiting behaviors that present a clear, present, and imminent risk to the safety of themselves or others.

Physical restraint is defined as the use of physical force to restrict the free movement of all or a portion of a student's body. It does not include appropriately, briefly touching a student to calm, comfort, or redirect the student.

Seclusion is defined as the involuntary confinement of a student, apart from other students, in a room or area from which the student is physically prevented from leaving. For a student in seclusion, constant adult supervision (visual contact) must be maintained while the student is in the seclusion area.

This policy applies to all students (both students with and without disabilities).

Legal Ref.: Section 118.31, 118.305, 115.787(2)(i) Wisconsin Statutes
Notification and Reporting of Physical Restraint and/or Seclusion Report
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