

USE OF SECLUSION AND RESTRAINT

The involuntary confinement of a pupil, apart from other pupils, in a room or area from which the pupil is prevented from leaving.

T-C Staff may use seclusion on a pupil at school ONLY if ALL of the following apply - if at all possible, an additional T-C Staff member should be requested to assist/provide support:

1. The pupil's behavior presents a clear, present, and imminent risk to the physical safety of the pupil or others and it is the least restrictive intervention feasible.
2. T-C Staff maintains constant supervision of the pupil, either by remaining in the room or area with the pupil or by observing the pupil through a window that allows T-C Staff to see the pupil at all times.
3. The room or area in which the pupil is secluded is free of objects or fixtures that may injure the pupil.
4. The pupil has adequate access to bathroom facilities, drinking water, necessary medication, and regularly scheduled meals.
5. The duration of the seclusion is only as long as necessary to resolve the clear, present, and imminent risk to the physical safety of the pupil or others.
6. No door connecting the room or area in which the pupil is secluded to other rooms or areas is capable of being locked.

PHYSICAL RESTRAINT

A restriction that immobilizes or reduces the ability of a pupil to freely move his or her torso, arms, legs, or head.

****For T-C Staff purposes, we will define this as putting hands on a student in any form of a controlling/restricting manner.***

T-C Staff may use physical restraint on a pupil at school ONLY if ALL of the following apply - if at all possible, an additional T-C Staff member should be requested to assist/provide support:

1. The pupil's behavior presents a clear, present, and imminent risk to the physical safety of the pupil or others and it is the least restrictive intervention feasible.
2. There are no medical contraindications to its use (i.e. *its use should not be harmful to the student*).
3. The degree of force used and the duration of the physical restraint do not exceed the degree and duration that are *reasonable and necessary* to resolve the clear, present, and imminent risk to the physical safety of the pupil or others.
4. None of the following maneuvers or techniques are used:
 - a. Those that do not give adequate attention and care to protecting the pupil's head.
 - b. Those that cause chest compression by placing pressure or weight on the pupil's chest, lungs, sternum, diaphragm, back, or abdomen.
 - c. Those that place pressure or weight on the pupil's neck or throat, on an artery, or on the back of the pupil's head or neck, or that otherwise obstruct the pupil's circulation or breathing.
5. It does not constitute corporal punishment (i.e. *it does not involve intentional infliction of physical pain which is used as a means of discipline*)
6. T-C Staff does not use a mechanical or chemical restraint on the pupil.