

**REQUIRED NOTIFICATION OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS
REGARDING THE USE OF ISOLATION AND RESTRAINT
For Students with IEPs or 504 Plans**

State regulations require the following information be provided to parents of all students eligible for special education, or 504 Plan, whether or not this policy applies to an individual student. If you have questions regarding this notification, please contact your child's special education or 504 case manager, or the Special Services office at 206-842-2907.

Policy 3247 RESTRAINT, ISOLATION AND OTHER USES OF REASONABLE FORCE

The Bainbridge Island School District is committed to providing a safe learning environment while treating all students with dignity and respect. All students in the district, including those who have an individualized education program (IEP) or plan developed under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, will remain free from unreasonable restraint, restraint devices, isolation, and other uses of physical force. Under no circumstances will these techniques be used as a form of discipline or punishment.

This policy is intended to address district students. It is not intended to prevent or limit the use of restraint or other reasonable force as necessary with adults or other youth from outside the district as allowed by law.

Restraint and other uses of physical force, as defined in the procedure accompanying this policy, may be used when necessary to prevent or minimize imminent bodily injury to self or others. Restraint and other uses of physical force may be used to protect district property if de-escalation interventions have failed or are inappropriate.

Use of restraint, isolation, and other forms of reasonable force may be used on any student when reasonably necessary to control spontaneous behavior that poses an "imminent likelihood of serious harm" as defined in the procedure accompanying this policy. Serious harm includes physical harm to self, another, or district property. Staff will closely monitor such actions to prevent harm to the student and will use the minimum amount of restraint and isolation appropriate to protect the safety of students and staff. The restraint, isolation, and other forms of reasonable force will be discontinued when the likelihood of serious harm has dissipated.

The superintendent or a designee will develop procedures to implement this policy, including review, reporting and parent/guardian notification of incidents involving restraint or isolation as required by law.

POST-INCIDENT NOTIFICATION AND REVIEW WITH PARENT/GUARDIAN

Within twenty-four (24) hours following the use of restraint, isolation, or other forms of reasonable physical force with a student, the principal or designee must make a reasonable effort to verbally inform the student's parent or guardian of the incident. The principal or designee must also send written notification as soon as practical, but postmarked no later than five (5) business days after restraint, isolation, or other forms of reasonable physical force has been used with a student. If the school or district customarily provides the parent or guardian with school-related information in a language other than English, the written report must be provided to the parent or guardian in that language.

The principal or designee will review the incident with the student and the parent or guardian (though not necessarily at the same time) to address the behavior that precipitated the use of the technique and the appropriateness of the response. The principal or designee will review the incident with the staff person(s) who administered the restraint, isolation, or other forms of reasonable physical force to discuss whether proper procedures were followed and what staff training or support is needed to help the student avoid similar incidents.