

## STUDENT SAFETY

Teachers will be responsible for their classes at all times. At no time are students to be left unsupervised. Students are not to be sent on errands from the school premises.

Teachers have the authority to prohibit the use of and/or to confiscate any article that is a hazard to a student, disrupts the educational process or that may damage school property. In the case of an emergency, the teacher will seek help from the principal or trained personnel.

In addition, school buildings, playgrounds, and equipment will be regularly inspected for health, fire, and safety hazards.

### Use of Restraint and Seclusion

Restraint and seclusion techniques as tools to prevent serious physical harm are to be used only if the following circumstances exist:

- the student's behavior presents an imminent danger of serious physical harm to the student or others; and
- less restrictive interventions appear insufficient to mitigate the imminent danger of serious physical harm.

These tools are to be employed only by school employees trained in safe and effective restraint and seclusion techniques unless an emergency situation does not allow time to summon those employees.

The Superintendent shall indicate procedures and practices implementing the use of these tools including parental notice, record keeping, and case review; placing procedures for their use in a school safety plan per statute.

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6.29.1.92 NMAC

CROSS REF.: EB - Environmental and Safety  
Programs EBC - Emergencies  
IHB – Special Instructional Programs  
IHBA - Special Instructional Programs and Accommodations  
for Disadvantaged Students  
IHBC - Programs for at Risk / Disadvantaged  
Students JIC - Student Conduct  
JIH - Interrogations, Searches, and  
Arrests JK - Student Discipline  
JKD - Student Suspension/Expulsion