



Dale County Schools Parental Notification of Restraint

A student's parents should be notified in writing that restraint may be used but are only used in situations in which the student is in immediate danger to himself/herself or others. The notice should inform parents that they will be notified in writing each time their child has been restrained.

The student's parents or guardians must be notified each time the student is restrained. This notification should occur in writing and should include a copy of the incident report that is used to document the use of restraint or seclusion. Parents and school staff may mutually agree that notification may be provided via e-mail or handwritten communication. Parental notification must be provided within a reasonable amount of time not to exceed one school day from the use of restraint or seclusion. Parents must also receive advance notice of the debriefing session that will be held regarding the incident and be afforded an opportunity to attend the debriefing session or request that the debriefing session be rescheduled so that the parent may attend.

Staff should promptly notify parents when their child is injured (requiring medical attention) in a restrained situation and/or is removed from the school setting by law enforcement or medical personnel.

Regardless of the method used, documentation of the parent notification should be maintained.