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The Webster County Board of Education shall require all programs within the organization to comply with State Board of Education Rule 160-5-1-.35 concerning "seclusion" and "restraint", as those terms are defined within the rule.

Webster County Schools do not use seclusion as an intervention as defined by State Board of Education Rule 160-5-1-.35. Webster County Schools may utilize physical restraint in those situations in which the student is an immediate danger to himself or others and the student is not responsive to less intensive behavioral interventions including verbal directives or other de-escalation techniques. The Board of Education recognizes that in determining when and how to implement this policy and any procedures related to it, educators will have to exercise their professional judgment and discretion. Therefore, the policy is not to be construed as imposing ministerial duties on individual employees. Further, it is not intended to interfere with the duties of law enforcement or emergency medical personnel.

#### Definition of Physical Restraint

Physical restraint is direct physical contact from an adult that prevents or significantly restricts a student's movement. The term physical restraint does not include prone restraint, mechanical restraint, or chemical restraint. Additionally, physical restraint does not include: providing limited physical contact and/or redirection to promote student safety, providing physical guidance or prompting when teaching a skill, redirecting attention, providing guidance to a location, or providing comfort.

#### Staff Training

The Webster County Schools Principal or designee(s) will annually identify those staff that needs to be trained in the use of physical restraint. All staff members who work in a position that may require them to use physical restraint should receive training at least annually and as deemed necessary by the Principal or designee(s). This training shall be provided as a part of a program which addresses a full continuum of positive behavioral intervention strategies as well as prevention and de-escalation techniques. Documentation of this training as well as a list of staff trained shall be maintained on file in each program's office.

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#### Physical Restraint Use

The physical restraint techniques used by the Webster County Schools work to assure that students are restrained in a manner that is safe to the student and the staff implementing the restraint. Restraint will not be used any longer than necessary to allow the student to regain control of his or her dangerous behavior. All restraints will be documented in a written report that is submitted to the designated supervisor. All policies and procedures, as well as the documentation forms used, will be reviewed periodically to ensure compliance.

#### Notice to Parents

The Webster County Schools information on the Emergency Use of Restraint and Seclusion will be shared with parents annually. Additionally, each time physical restraint is used with a child the parent of that child will be notified in writing within a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed one school day from the use of restraint.