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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM NUMBER SIX
PROHIBITION OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT AND UNREASONABLE USE
OF PHYSICAL RESTRAINT

Corporal punishment (as defined in Utah Code, 53G-8-301), physical and verbal aggression, and/or cruel or abusive treatment toward students are strictly prohibited in the Granite School District. Student discipline should be administered without anger and with the intent of improving student behavior through appropriate interventions and support. This section does not prohibit the use of reasonable and necessary physical restraint or seclusion in self-defense or where such action is otherwise appropriate to the circumstances such as obtaining possession of a weapon or other dangerous object in the possession or under the control of a child and/or protecting the child or another person from physical injury.

State Board Rule R277-609 defines physical restraint as personal restriction that immobilizes or reduces the ability of an individual to move the individual's arms, legs, body, or head freely. Seclusionary time out is defined as placing a student in a safe enclosed area, purposefully isolating the student from adults and peers, and preventing the student from leaving, or reasonably believes that the student will be prevented from leaving, the enclosed area.

Circumstances in which physical restraint or seclusion are justified are rare and educators should rely on their training and experience to deescalate volatile situations before they resort to using physical restraint or seclusion. In the event a District employee finds him/herself in a situation of this kind, the educator shall first attempt to refer the student to school administrators, conditions permitting. The exception to this general rule applies to employees trained and certified in using District directed physical assistance, support, and restraint techniques.

In the event an educator resorts to using restraint or seclusion of a student, the restraint or seclusion shall be maintained for the minimum time necessary and terminated as soon as the student no longer poses a danger to him/herself or others, or if the student is in distress. Educators shall document and report the incident to administration using the Emergency Safety Intervention form attached to this policy. Parent/guardians shall be immediately notified according to applicable state laws and rules and District policies.

/s/

Dr. Martin Bates
Superintendent

REFERNCES

Utah Code, 53G-8-301 to 305
Utah Administrative Code, R277-609
Granite School District Emergency Contact Form