

USE OF EMERGENCY SAFETY INTERVENTIONS

It is the policy of NW BOCES to regulate the use of seclusion and restraint with students pursuant to the Wyoming Department of Education Rules, Wyoming Statute and Wyoming Department of Family Services rules. This policy shall govern all regulated use of emergency safety intervention.

NW BOCES will provide treatment in the least restrictive manner possible. Use of less restrictive interventions to address student behaviors shall be employed before resorting to emergency safety interventions including restraint and/or the use of the seclusion room. NW BOCES adopts an approved evidence-based model for the purpose of training and safe implementation of seclusion and physical restraint.

Restraint and/or seclusion will be initiated only when necessary to prevent injury to the student or others and only after less restrictive interventions have been attempted or considered. No mechanical restraints are allowed. De-escalation methods will be emphasized. To achieve this goal staff shall comply with this policy, the procedure and current training in behavioral crisis management practices.

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