

**STUDENTS**  
**PHYSICAL RESTRAINT/CRISIS INTERVENTION**

**Purpose** The Providence School Board (Board) believes that positive behavioral and educational strategies should be used to support all forms of disciplinary intervention to insure each student/child's physical and emotional safety and dignity.

The purpose of the policy is to ensure that all students be free from unreasonable and unnecessary physical restraint and crisis intervention.

**Guidelines** Physical restraint/crisis intervention in a Providence School education program shall be limited to the use of such reasonable force as necessary to protect a student or another member of the school community from assault or imminent, serious, physical harm.

**Administrative Authority** The Superintendent shall insure that the Department establishes processes and procedures to address

- Training requirements
- Reporting requirements
- Follow-up procedures
- Receiving and investigating complaints regarding restraint practices

**Legal Reference** RI Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Physical Restraint Regulations

**History** Approved: May 22, 2006 Resolution No. 5-19-06