

PHYSICAL RESTRAINT

Physical Restraint is defined as the use of bodily force to limit a student's freedom of movement (Physical escort is defined as the touching or holding a student without the use of force for the purpose of directing the student. Physical escort is **not** physical restraint and is not covered by this policy/procedure). Physical restraint shall only be used as a behavior management tool when other less intrusive alternatives fail or are inappropriate. In the event that physical restraint is required for the protection of school community members, the Granby Public Schools has adopted the following policy and procedures to ensure the proper use of restraint and to prevent or minimize any harm to the student as a result of the use of restraint. These procedures will be reviewed annually, provided to school staff, and made available to parents of enrolled students. None of the policy/procedures, precludes any teacher, employee or agent of the Granby Public Schools from using reasonable force to protect students, other persons or themselves from assault or imminent, serious harm.

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