

8370 Use of Seclusion and Restraint

Pursuant to Public Act 395 of 2016, MCL §380.1307a, 2016, the Board of Education directs the Superintendent and/or his or her designee to adopt as an administrative guideline a local policy that is consistent with the policy issued by the Michigan Department of Education in connection with the requirements of Public Acts 394 through 402 of 2016, MCL §380.1307, *et seq.*, regarding restrictions on the use of seclusion and restraint in public schools. This policy is to accomplish the following objectives:

- Promote the care, safety, welfare and security of the school community and the dignity of each pupil.
- Encourage the use of proactive, effective, evidenced- and researched-base strategies and best practices to reduce the occurrence of challenging behaviors, eliminate the use of seclusion and restraint, and increase meaningful instructional time for all pupils.
- Ensure that seclusion and physical restraint are used only as a last resort in an emergency situation and are subject to diligent assessment, monitoring, documentation and reporting by trained personnel.

Adopted: September 11, 2017