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Restrictive Procedures Plan

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Robbinsdale Area Schools promotes the use of positive approaches for behavioral interventions for all students. When restrictive procedures are employed in an emergency situation with any student, the School District will adhere to the standards and requirements of Minnesota Statute § 125A.094: Restrictive Procedures for Children with Disabilities. This plan specifically outlines the list of restrictive procedures the school intends to use in the case of an emergency, how the school will monitor and review the use of restrictive procedures, documentation requirements; the convening of a District Oversight Committee; and staff training requirements.

Robbinsdale Area Schools uses restrictive procedures only in response to behavior that constitutes an emergency, even if written into a child's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP). Emergency means a situation where immediate intervention is needed to protect a child or other individual from physical injury.

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MINNESOTA STATUTES

In accordance with Minn. Stat. §§ 125A.094 and 125A.0942 as amended effective July 1, 2013, every school district is required to develop and make publicly accessible in an electronic format on a school or district website or make a paper copy available upon request a plan that discloses its use of restrictive procedures with special education students. The plan must list the restrictive procedures that the school district intends to use; describe how the school district will implement a range of positive behavior strategies and provide links to mental health services, describe how the school district will monitor and review the use of restrictive procedures, including post-use debriefings and convening an oversight committee to undertake a quarterly review of the use of restrictive procedures based on patterns or problems indicated by similarities in the time of day, day of the week, duration of the use of a procedure, the individuals involved, or other factors associated with the use of restrictive procedures, the number of times a restrictive procedures is used schoolwide and for individual children the number and types of injuries, if any, resulting from the use of restrictive procedures, whether restrictive procedures are used in nonemergency situations, the need for additional staff training, and proposed actions to minimize the use of restrictive procedures; and includes a written description and documentation of the training any staff members who will be using restrictive procedures have completed to show they have the skills set out in Minn. Stat. § 125A.0942, subd. 5.

Minnesota Statutes

Definition of Restrictive Procedures:

Restrictive Procedures means the use of physical holding in an emergency. Restrictive procedures must not be used to punish or otherwise discipline a child. Minnesota Statute § 125A.0941(f).

Minnesota Statute § 125A.094, Subd 1a:

Schools that intend to use restrictive procedures shall maintain and make publicly accessible a restrictive procedures plan for students that includes at least the following: the list of restrictive procedures the school intends to use; how the school will monitor and review the use of restrictive procedures, including conducting post-use debriefings and convening an oversight committee; and a written description and documentation of the training staff completed under subdivision 5.

Robbinsdale Area Schools promotes the use of positive approaches for behavioral interventions for all students. When restrictive procedures are employed in an emergency situation with any student, the School District will adhere to the standards and requirements of Minnesota Statute § 125A.094: Restrictive Procedures for Children with Disabilities.

Minnesota Statute § 125A.094, Subd. 2:

Restrictive procedures may be used only by a licensed special education teacher, school social worker, school psychologist, behavior analyst certified by the National Behavior Analyst Certification Board, a person with a master's degree in behavior analysis, other licensed education professional, paraprofessional under section § 120B.363, or mental health professional under section § 245.4871, subd. 27, who has completed the training program under subd. 5.

Minnesota Statute § 125A.0941 (c):

Physical holding means physical intervention intended to hold a child immobile or limit a child's movement and where body contact is the only source of physical restraint. The term physical holding

does not mean physical contact that: 1) helps a child respond or complete a task; 2) assists a child without restricting the child's movement; 3) is needed to administer an authorized health-related service or procedure; or 4) is needed to physically escort a child when the child does not resist or the child's resistance is minimal.

Minnesota Statute § 125A.0941 (g):

Seclusion means confining a child alone in a room from which egress is barred. Egress may be barred by an adult locking or closing the door in the room or preventing the child from leaving the room. Removing a child from an activity to a location where the child cannot participate in or observe the activity is not seclusion.

Minnesota Statute § 125A.0942, Subd. 3:

Physical holding or seclusion may be used only in an emergency. A school that uses physical holding or seclusion shall meet the following requirements: (1) the physical holding or seclusion must be the least intrusive intervention that effectively responds to the emergency; (2) physical holding or seclusion must end when the threat of harm ends and the staff determines that the child can safely return to the classroom or activity; (3) staff must directly observe the child while physical holding or seclusion is being used; (4) each time physical holding or seclusion is used, the staff person who implements or oversees the physical holding or seclusion shall document, as soon as possible after the incident concludes, the following information: (i) a description of the incident that led to the physical holding or seclusion; (ii) why a less restrictive measure failed or was determined by staff to be inappropriate or impractical; (iii) the time the physical holding or seclusion began and the time the child was released; and (iv) a brief record of the child's behavioral and physical status.

Minnesota Statute § 121A.67, Subd. 2:

If a pupil who has an individual education plan is restrained or removed from a classroom, school building, or school grounds by a peace officer at the request of a school administrator or a school staff person during the school day twice in a 30-day period, the pupil's individual program team must meet to determine if the pupil's individual education plan is adequate or if additional evaluation is needed.

Robbinsdale Area Schools uses restrictive procedures only in response to behavior that constitutes an emergency, even if written into a child's individual education plan (IEP) or behavior intervention plan (BIP). "**Emergency**" means a situation where immediate intervention is needed to protect a child or other individual from physical injury. The intervention will be used as a last resort and will be considered the safest option for **all**.

Selected Robbinsdale Area Schools Special Education Licensed Staff, Special Education Educational Assistance, School Social Workers, School Psychologists and Building Administrators will participate in Nonviolent Crisis Intervention (NVC) training, which is considered an evidence-based program, to help de-escalate a situation before it becomes a crisis and to respond appropriately and safely when there is a crisis. The philosophy of NVC is to ensure the Care, Welfare, Safety, and Security of **all**.

Robbinsdale Area Schools Restrictive Procedures

Robbinsdale Area Schools is committed to using positive behavioral intervention and supports as defined in Minnesota Statute § 125A.0941 (d). This involves incorporating environmental changes and skill building strategies proactively in order to maintain a supportive and safe learning environment. In the event that a student's challenging behavior should escalate to an emergency situation, Robbinsdale Area Schools staff may use procedures which are considered restrictive under Minnesota Statute § 125A.0942 in order to maintain a safe environment when lesser restrictive procedures are ineffective. In accordance with Minnesota Statute § 125A.0942, Subd. 1, Robbinsdale Area Schools discloses the following on the use of restrictive procedures:

Minnesota Statutes on Restrictive Procedures

1. Restrictive Procedures: Minnesota Statute § 125A.0941 (e) includes physical holding and seclusion as restrictive procedures.
2. Prohibited Procedures: Robbinsdale Area Schools will never use any of the procedures designated as prohibited under Minnesota Statute § 125A.0942, Subd. 4(1-9).
3. Emergency: Minnesota Statute § 125A.0941 (b) states that a restrictive procedure may only be utilized in an emergency situation. An emergency is defined as a situation where immediate intervention is needed to protect a student or others from physical injury.

Restrictive Procedures Not Used in Robbinsdale Area Schools

Seclusion: Seclusion means confining a student alone in a room from which egress is barred. This does not include removing a child from an activity to a location where the child cannot participate or observe the activity. In the event that an emergency situation should unexpectedly occur and use of physical holding is deemed unsafe, staff may remove others and themselves from the current room while barring egress in order to prevent injury as use of reasonable force under Minnesota Statutes § 125A.582; 609.06, Subd.1; and § 609.379.

Restrictive Procedures Used in Robbinsdale Area Schools

Physical Holding: Physical holding means physical intervention intended to hold a child immobile or limit a child's movement and where body contact is the only source of physical restraint. Robbinsdale Area Schools Licensed Staff, Special Education Assistants, School Social Workers, School Psychologists and Building Administrators participate in Nonviolent Crisis Intervention (NVC) training. This mandatory training covers appropriate use of physical restraints. The term physical holding does not mean physical contact that:

- ✓ Helps a child respond or complete a task;
- ✓ Assists a child without restricting the child's movement
- ✓ Is needed to administer an authorized health-related service or procedure; or
- ✓ Is needed to physically escort a child when the child does not resist, or the child's resistance is minimal

Prohibited Procedures include the following:

1. Corporal Punishment which include conduct involving: 1) hitting or spanking a person with or without an object; or 2) unreasonable physical force that causes bodily harm or substantial emotional harm;
2. Requiring the student to assume and maintain a specified physical position, activity, or posture that induces physical pain;
3. Presenting an intense sound, light or other sensory stimuli using taste, smell, substance, or spray as punishment;
4. Denying or restricting the student's access to equipment and devices such as wheelchairs, hearing aids or communication boards that facilitate the student's functioning except when temporarily removing the equipment or device is needed to prevent injury to the student or others or serious damage to the equipment or device, in which case the equipment or device shall be returned to the student as soon as possible;
5. Interacting with a student in a manner that constitutes sexual abuse, neglect, or physical abuse under section § 626.556;
6. Totally or partially restricting a student's senses as punishment;
7. Withholding regularly scheduled meals or water;
8. Denying the student access to bathroom facilities, and/ or;
9. Physically holding that restricts or impairs a student's ability to breathe;
10. Use of tasers or threatened use of tasers.
11. Prone Restraint

General Information Regarding Restrictive Procedures

What is considered an "Emergency"?

An emergency is a situation where immediate intervention is needed to protect a child or other individual from physical injury.

- ✓ Jumping in front of a bus IS an emergency.
- ✓ A student not responding to verbal intervention during a fight MAY BE an emergency.
- ✓ Screaming obscenities in the hallway is NOT an emergency.
- ✓ Property destruction may NOT be an emergency.

Restrictive Procedures - Basic Procedures:

Can be used ONLY in an emergency. It must be the safest option and the last resort.

- Must be the least intrusive effective intervention.
- Must end when the threat of harm ends.
- Must be documented EVERY time.
- Parent notification is required the same day a restrictive procedure is used on a child.
- A post-use debriefing must occur within 24 hours of the procedure.

- A Procedure Reporting Form must be completed and submitted to the Director/Supervisor of Special Education, the Building Principal, and a copy must be placed in the student file.

Staff Training Requirements

All Robbinsdale Area Schools special education staff receive training on the skills and knowledge content areas in accordance with Minnesota Statute § 125A.0942, Subd. 1(3) and Subd. 5.

Non-Violent Crisis Prevention Interventions (NVC)

Selected Special Education staff continue to participate in refresher NVC training. Newly hired special education staff may be required to attend NVC training. Staff who design and use behavioral interventions will complete training in the use of positive approaches as well as restrictive procedures. Training records will identify the content of training, attendees, and training dates.

Authorized Staff

Staff who are trained and current with their CPI training and who are authorized to use restrictive procedures may include:

- Licensed special education teachers
- Other certified/ registered educational professionals
- Special educational assistants
- Building administration
- Licensed school social workers
- School psychologists
- Licensed general education teachers

Additionally, Robbinsdale Area Schools implements a wide range of positive behavior strategies to staff. These strategies vary by building and individual need. Some strategies include: Behavior Intervention Plans (BIP), NonVerbal Communication Training (e.g. 5 point scale, graphic organizers), Responsive Classroom, CHAMPS, and character education. Training records are maintained at the district office.

Mental Health Resources

Advanced Behavioral Health Incorporated (Brooklyn Center)
763-560-8331 [ABH Website](#)

Arubah Emotional Health Services (Brooklyn Center)
612-284-8115 [AEHS Website](#)

Associated Clinic of Psychology - Brooklyn Center
(763) 503-8560 & Minneapolis (612) 925-6033 [ACP Website](#)

Behavioral Dimensions Incorporated (St. Louis Park)-

952.814.0207 [BDI](#)

Hennepin County mobile crisis teams Child Crisis —
612-348-2233 [Henn. Cty. Crisis Website](#)

Native American Community Clinic (Minneapolis)
612-872-8086 [NACC Website](#)

Nystrom & Associates
(Maple Grove 763-274-3120) (Eden Prairie 763-274-3120) [Nystrom & Associates Website](#)

Northpoint Clinic N Mpls
(612) 543-2500 [Northpoint Website](#)

Prairie Care
(Brooklyn Park two locations 763-762-8800 or 763-383-5800) [Prairie Care](#)

National Institute on Mental Health:
[NIMH Website](#)

National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI) –Minnesota:
[National Alliance on Mental Health](#)

Documentation Procedures

Restrictive Procedures Reporting Form

Following each use of restrictive procedures, staff members involved will complete the Restrictive Procedures Reporting Form which meets the documentation requirements under Minnesota Statute § 125A.0942, subd. 3(4) (see Appendix C).

The School District shall make reasonable efforts to notify the parent on the same day by the parents preferred method when a restrictive procedure is used in an emergency. Parent preferred method of communication in the event of the use of a restrictive procedure will be discussed and noted in the IEP/BIP at least annually at the IEP meeting if the possibility of restrictive procedures in the case of an emergency are written into a student's IEP/BIP (consistent with statute § 125A.0942, Subd. 2 (f)). If the school is unable to provide same-day notice, notice will be sent by written or electronic means or as otherwise indicated by the parent. If used twice within 30 days or when a pattern emerges, and it's NOT already included in student's IEP or BIP, the district must hold a meeting of the team to conduct a review of the Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA) data and consider developing or revising the behavioral interventions and supports.

The use of restrictive procedures in emergency situations will be documented on the Restrictive Procedure Reporting Form. This form should be completed as soon as possible after an incident has occurred, no later than 24 hours after the incident has occurred. Once completed, the form will be saved

electronically in the student's special education file. The Director/Supervisor of Special Education and building administrator will be informed that a Restrictive Procedure has occurred. A Restrictive Procedure Reporting Form must be completed every time a restrictive procedure is used.

Restrictive Procedure Staff Debriefing Form

Each time a restrictive procedure is used, the staff person will conduct a post-use debriefing with the staff members involved in the use of such procedures within 24 hours (See Appendix D). The post-use debriefing will review the requirements for use of restrictive procedures to ensure that staff has implemented them according to the standards in Minnesota Statute § 125A.0942: the form was completed correctly, staff is able to talk through their feelings surrounding the incident, and action-plans are generated. Should the post-use debriefing indicate that uses of restrictive procedures were not used appropriately, Robbinsdale Area Schools staff will contact the Building Principal and Director/Supervisor of Special Education immediately.

Within 24 hours of any restrictive procedure, all staff members involved in the restrictive procedure will debrief and complete the Restrictive Procedure Staff Debriefing Form. The Administrative Designee will lead the team involved through the de-briefing meeting. A building administrator should be invited to the meeting and should attend whenever possible.

Including Restrictive Procedures in Individual Education Plans (IEP) or Behavior Intervention Plans (BIP)

The requirement that physical holding only be used in an emergency situation continues to apply even when restrictive procedures are included in the IEP and BIP. When physical holding is included in the IEP or BIP, the IEP team must:

1. Insure that an FBA has been completed. Use the FBA information along with the present level of performance, needs, goals, and objectives to develop a BIP.
2. Include positive behavior supports, de-escalation procedures, instruction in appropriate behavior, and other preventative measures in the BIP.
3. Document which restrictive procedure is being included and why it is the least restrictive effective intervention. The BIP must identify the frequency and severity of target behaviors for which the restrictive procedure is being considered; and anticipated criteria for returning the students to the routine activities and regular education environment if the intervention is used.
4. Indicate how the parent wants to be notified when a restrictive procedure is used.
5. The team is expected to debrief after every restrictive procedure within 24 hours and complete the Restrictive Procedure Reporting Form and the Restrictive Procedure Staff Debrief Form.
6. The IEP team can include restrictive procedures in the IEP or BIP
 - ✓ BUT they can only be used in response to an emergency
 - ✓ AND an IEP meeting must be held if they are used twice in 30 days

Review Procedures

The District will monitor and review the use of restrictive procedures. This includes post-use debriefings with those involved, meetings at the end of each month between the Director/Supervisor of Special Education to discuss restrictive procedures used district-wide, in addition to the District Oversight Committee that meets quarterly to review completed forms and data.

In the case of a student with a disability, due process and documentation requirements will be followed a minimum of one time per year during annual IEP meetings.

Oversight Committee: Quarterly, the District Oversight Committee will convene and review reported uses of restrictive procedures. This team will review aggregate data, monitor implementation of restrictive and proactive interventions, and provide additional resources if necessary (i.e. training, staff support, materials).

District Oversight Committee

District Wide Restrictive Procedures & Oversight Team:

The District Wide team will meet quarterly each year to evaluate and review the “Restrictive Procedures District Wide Plan” and review reported uses of restrictive procedures.

<u>Administration:</u>	Marti Voight Kelly Anderson Gaeil Iverson Jay Hancock Erick Norby	Executive Director of Student Services Special Services Supervisor Elementary Assistant Principal Middle School Assistant Principal High School Principal
<u>Psychologist:</u>	Sarah Warner	School Psychologist
<u>Social Worker:</u>	Katie Kaminski	School Social Worker
<u>Teachers:</u>	Sheila Zaczowski Katie Batiste Tracy Moll	Special Education Coordinator (TOSA) Special Education Coordinator (TOSA) Special Education Coordinator (TOSA)
<u>Behavior:</u>	Tara Nelson-Anderson	Behavior Analyst

Appendices

Appendix A: Use of Restrictive Procedures Hot Sheet

If it becomes necessary to use physical holding to protect a student or other individual from physical injury or to prevent severe property damage (last resort and safest option for all):

1. Select the least intrusive intervention possible to reasonably react to the emergency situation.
2. Ensure that a staff member directly monitors the student to ensure that the student is safe.
3. End the intervention when the threat of harm ends and staff determine that the student can safely return to the classroom, activity, intervention and/or site determined by the team, BIP, and/ or administrator.
4. Seclusion should not be used.
5. Complete the Restrictive Procedure Reporting Form every time a restrictive procedure is conducted.
 - a. A copy of the Restrictive Procedure Reporting Form is available on the district webpage under Restrictive Procedures and is included in this manual.
6. Conduct a debriefing within 24 hours of the incident
 - a. A copy of the Restrictive Procedure Staff Debriefing Form is available on district webpage under Restrictive Procedures and is included in this manual.
 - b. The debriefing process should involve all members of the team that were involved in the restrictive procedure.
7. Provide copies of the Restrictive Procedure Reporting Form to the Director/Supervisor of Special Education, the building principal, and the student Special Education file.
8. Notify the parents the same day a restrictive intervention is used via phone, or their preferred method of communication.
 - a. Provide written or electronic notice within two days if unable to notify parents the same day.
9. Hold a team meeting when a restrictive intervention is used twice in 30 days or when a pattern of behavior emerges.
 - a. In the case of a nondisabled student, the team should develop an intervention plan.
 - b. In the case of a student with an IEP, conduct or review a functional behavioral analysis, review data, consider developing additional or revised behavior interventions and supports, consider actions to reduce the use of restrictive procedures, and consider modifying the IEP or BIP.

Appendix B: Definitions

Emergency – A situation where immediate intervention is needed to protect a child or other individual from physical injury.

Physical Holding – Physical intervention intended to hold a child immobile or limit a child’s movement and where body contact is the only source of physical restraint. The term physical holding does not mean physical contact that:

- ✓ Helps a child respond or complete a task;
- ✓ Assist a child without restricting the child’s movement
- ✓ Is needed to administer an authorized health-related service or procedure; or
- ✓ Is needed to physically escort a child when the child does not resist or the child’s resistance is minimal

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports – Interventions and strategies to improve the school environment and teach children the skills to behave appropriately.

Restrictive Procedures – The use of physical holding or seclusion in an emergency.

Appendix C: Forms

EMERGENCY USE OF A RESTRICTIVE PROCEDURE FOR A STUDENT ON AN IEP Reporting Form

Date:

Student Name:

ID:

School:

Grade:

Categorical Disability:

DOB:

Directions: Complete all information on this form when a restrictive procedure is used in an emergency situation.

1. Description of events and student behavior leading to use of emergency procedure (include all interventions attempted):

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2. Description of the restrictive procedure (include staff involved, area used, duration, and rationale for decision):

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3. What post-intervention strategy was used to resolve conflict/re-acclimate student's return to regular routine?

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4. List the names/titles of all staff who observed the student's behavior and the restrictive procedure:

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5. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) were notified on _____ by _____
(Date) (Name)

via: Telephone Home Visit Email Face to Face

6. Does the use of this restrictive procedure necessitate an IEP Team meeting? Yes No

Date of IEP Meeting: _____ Time: _____ Place: _____

Report completed by: _____
Name & Title

If Yes, complete the meeting information below:

7. Did this incident result in any injury? No Yes If yes, check a box: Staff Student

Send Original report to: District SpEd Office at ESC Attention: Sandra_goettl@rdale.org

[Restrictive Procedure Reporting Form \(IC\)](#)

Date Received in
District Office:

19-20 Restrictive Procedures Team Debrief Form

To be completed by the student's team after a Restrictive Procedure

Date of Restrictive Procedure Debriefing Meeting? *

Date

Case Manager for the student involved in the restrictive procedure? *

Your answer

First and Last name of the student involved in the restrictive procedure? *

Your answer

Staff involved in the restrictive procedure? *

Your answer

List names of any additional staff that directly observed the child while physical holding was being used or write in "none". *

Your answer

Date of Restrictive Procedure? *

Date

Building where Restrictive Procedure Occurred? *

Choose

Was the physical holding used in an emergency? *

yes

no

Was the physical holding the least intrusive intervention that effectively responds to the emergency? *

yes

no

Was the physical holding used to discipline a noncompliant child? *

yes

no

Was the physical hold ended when the threat of harm ended? *

yes

no

Was the documentation on IC completed? *

yes

no

Was an IEP team meeting scheduled (within ten calendar days after staff uses restrictive procedures on two separate school days within 30 calendar days or a pattern of use emerges)? *

yes

no

Not needed due to only RP used in the past 30 school days

Were the parents properly notified and IC SPED contact log updated? *

yes

no

You must inform your building Administrator and SPED Coordinator that there was a RP. Have you completed this step? *

yes

no

Did the student or staff sustain an injury as a result of the physical hold? *

yes, student

yes, staff

both student and staff

no

What resolves did the debriefing team come up with for future RP situations with this student (communication, strategies, BIP updates, etc.)? *