

Westford Public Schools shall abide by the provisions of 603 CMR 46.00, which regulates the use of physical restraint on students in Massachusetts public school districts. The use of physical restraint is considered an emergency procedure of last resort, and is prohibited except when a student's behavior poses a threat of assault, or imminent, serious, physical harm to self or others, and less intrusive alternatives have failed or been deemed inappropriate. Physical restraint shall be used with extreme caution. The Westford Public Schools has developed restraint prevention and behavior support procedures, in compliance with 603 CMR 46.04(1), which shall be annually reviewed, provided to school staff, and made available to parents.

Note: Nothing in this policy precludes any teacher, employee or agent of the Westford Public Schools from using reasonable force to protect students, other persons or themselves from assault or imminent, serious physical harm.

Massachusetts Legal Reference
603 CMR 46.00: Physical Restraint

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