

# Emergency Safety Interventions

## DEFINITIONS

### Emergency Safety Intervention

- Means the use of seclusion or physical restraint

### Physical Restraint

- Means bodily force used to substantially limit a student's movement, except that consensual, solicited, or unintentional contact and contact to provide comfort, assistance or instruction shall not be deemed to be physical restraint.

### Seclusion

- Means the placement of a student in a location where all of the following are met:
- The student is placed in an enclosed area by school personnel
- The student is purposefully isolated from adults and peers
- The student is prevented from leaving or the student reasonably believes that such student will be prevented from leaving the enclosed area

## What Parents Need to Know:

- ESI shall only be used when the student presents a reasonable and immediate danger of physical harm to self or others with the present ability to effect such physical harm.
- Less restrictive alternatives, such as positive behavior interventions support, must be deemed inappropriate or ineffective under the circumstances prior to emergency safety intervention being used.
- The use of emergency safety intervention must stop immediately when the danger of physical harm ends.
- Violent action that is destructive of property may necessitate the use of emergency safety intervention.
- Emergency safety intervention must not be used for discipline, punishment, or the convenience of a school employee.
- A student shall not be subjected to ESI if the student is known to have a medical condition that could put the student in mental or physical danger as a result of ESI.
- When a student is placed in seclusion, a staff member must be able to see and hear the student at all times.

## Where can I find out more information about Emergency Safety Interventions (Seclusion and Restraint)?

### Families Together, Inc.

Topeka Parent Center- 1-800-264-6343

[topeka@famielstogtherinc.org](mailto:topeka@famielstogtherinc.org)

Wichita Parent Center- 1-888-815-6364

[wichita@famielstogtherinc.org](mailto:wichita@famielstogtherinc.org)

Garden City Parent Center- 1-888-820-6364

[gardencity@famielstogtherinc.org](mailto:gardencity@famielstogtherinc.org)

Kansas City Parent Center- 1-877-499-5369

[kansascity@famielstogtherinc.org](mailto:kansascity@famielstogtherinc.org)

### Disabilities Rights Center of Kansas

214 SW 6th Ave Suite 100, Topeka, KS 66603

(785) 273-9661

### Kansas Parent Information Resource Center (KPIRC)

1-866-711-6711

[www.kpirc.org](http://www.kpirc.org)

### Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE)

1-800-203-9462

[www.ksde.org](http://www.ksde.org)

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### Member Districts

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