

### Physical Restraint

The use of physical restraint is prohibited in all Boaz City Schools and its education programs EXCEPT in those situations in which the student is an immediate danger to himself or others and the student is not responsive to less intensive behavioral interventions including verbal directives or other de-escalation techniques. Physical restraint is expressly prohibited when used as a form of discipline or punishment. The use of other physical restraint, chemical restraint, mechanical restraint, or seclusion is prohibited in the school system and its educational programs.

The use of restraint may occur along with other emergency actions such as the school seeking assistance from law enforcement and/or emergency medical personnel, which could result in a removal of the student by such personnel.

Significant violations of the law including assaults on students and staff will be reported to the police. As soon as possible after the restraint or removal of a student (and no longer than one school day following the occurrence), the parent or legal guardian will be provided written notification.

Schools and programs that use physical restraint under the Board's policy must ensure that staff and faculty are trained in the appropriate use of physical restraint. Written parental notification will be provided when physical restraint is used to restrain a student within a reasonable time not to exceed one school day from the use of restraint. The use of seclusion is prohibited by the Board's policy.

The Board's policy regarding restraint and seclusion is contained within the Board's policies at Section 6.25.

### Dress Code

The Boaz City Board of Education recognizes the effect that students dress and grooming have upon student behavior and commitment to learning. It further recognizes the role of parents in assisting their children in making appropriate choices regarding clothing, accessories, and personal appearance. In order to maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning, the Board requires that all students exercise good taste with regard to their personal appearance. Attire considered disruptive or that could present a health or safety problem is not appropriate. Prohibited dress violations are listed below, but this list is not all-inclusive nor is a violation of the dress code limited to the following:

1. Any clothing that is explicitly gang related is prohibited, or colors that would lead school administration to believe the student to be wearing gang colors.
2. Any article of clothing that advertises alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, illegal drugs, adornment that displays vulgar or abusive words, pictures, designs, lettering or messages that may be offensive to a particular racial, ethnic, or religious group or unusually large displays on vehicles driven to school by the student that potentially disrupt the educational process.
3. Dresses, shirts or tops that are low cut in the front or back are prohibited.
4. All tops must have straps that measure at least one (1) inch wide. No spaghetti strap tops may be worn without a blouse to cover it.
5. All shirts or blouses that expose the midriff at any time are not permitted. Halter type dresses or tops and tube tops or clothing that does not cover undergarments is prohibited.
6. No "see through" clothing is allowed unless the clothing that can be seen meets the dress code. No muscle shirts, skin-tight shorts (such as bicycle shorts) or sleeveless T-shirts designed to be undergarments are allowed.
7. No hats, bandanas, athletic headbands, sunglasses, visors or any headwear not otherwise required, may be worn in the building during the regular school day (unless medically required).
8. Bare feet and any type of footwear that is detrimental to the floor or floor-coverings, i.e. boots and shoes with cleats, is prohibited. Any other footwear that is distracting to the learning process, i.e. house shoes, is not acceptable.

9. For safety reasons, oversized or long coats may not be worn out of season. Students should not wear heavy metal chains, metal spiked apparel, or other accessories that can be used as weapons. No chains will be allowed on students except for necklaces and bracelets that are for cosmetic purposes.
10. Visible "body piercing" such as in the eyebrow, nose, lip, tongue, or other areas is not permitted. (Earrings cannot be excessive or create safety or health hazard and shall not be worn during sports & PE activities). Principal may use discretion for final determination.
11. All shorts and culottes must be at least fingertip length or longer at their shortest point. The principal may use discretion for final determination. Pants or shorts with holes or cuts must not show skin above the fingertip mark.
12. All dresses and skirts are to be at least knee length while standing.
13. No athletic sweatpants that are tight fitting and unsuitable for school attire are permitted. Clothing with writing on the seat of the garment is not allowed.
14. Students are to wear clothing in the manner it was designed to be worn, i.e. clothing worn back-wards or inside out, or suspenders/overalls undone are not allowed. Specifically, pajama pants, pants worn too low, too long, or excessively large are not permitted. Pants are to be worn at the natural waistline with a belt if needed. Excessively large clothing of any kind is not permitted.
15. Appropriate attire must be worn over leggings at all times. Garments worn over leggings must be at least fingertip length or longer.
16. Neither hairstyles nor hair color should be disruptive of the learning environment.
17. Blankets are not to be brought to school in place of wearing appropriate clothing for cold weather.
18. Any article of clothing representing or promoting other high schools or middle schools will not be permitted during school hours.

Students who violate the rules and/or intent of the Dress Code will be subject to punitive action as well as having privileges allowed under the Dress Code withdrawn.

In the event that any type of dress is questionable and does not fall under the Dress Code, the school administration has the final authority in determining whether the dress is acceptable.

#### **Tobacco Products, Unlawful Drugs, and Alcoholic Beverages**

The possession, use, sale or distribution of tobacco/nicotine products designed to enhance nicotine (including, but not limited to) electronic cigarettes or enhancement products paraphernalia, as well as unlawful drugs, and alcoholic beverages are prohibited in Boaz City Schools and at any school sponsored or school related event.

The Boaz City Board of Education has implemented a random drug testing policy that may result in loss of parking privileges on school premises and discipline including suspension from student competitive activities.

#### **Dangerous Weapons**

The Board authorizes the Superintendent or his/her designated official to automatically suspend any student found in possession of a dangerous weapon. A dangerous weapon may be defined as a knife, club, gun, chain or any other object deemed dangerous by the school official. Such weapons are not to be carried by students on school grounds, on school busses and/or at any school-sponsored event, during or after regular school hours. When the student is found to be in possession of a weapon, the Superintendent shall be notified immediately and the following procedures shall be followed:

- The principal or authorized official shall conduct a brief but adequate hearing, and if the student is found to have a weapon in his/her possession, said student shall be suspended. If the item in the student's possession is a "weapon" as defined in Section 921 of Title 18 of the United States Code, an immediate referral shall be made to the superintendent who may commence expulsion procedures against said student.