

WAC 392-172A-02105 Emergency response protocols. (1) If the parent and the school district determine that a student requires advanced educational planning, the parent and the district may develop emergency response protocols to be used in the case of emergencies that pose an imminent likelihood of serious harm, as defined in this section. Emergency response protocols, if developed, must be incorporated into a student's IEP. Emergency response protocols shall not be used as a substitute for the systematic use of a behavioral intervention plan that is designed to change, replace, modify, or eliminate a targeted behavior. Emergency response protocols are subject to the conditions and limitations as follows:

(a) The student's parent provides consent, as defined in WAC 392-172A-01040, in advance, to the emergency response protocols to be adopted;

(b) The emergency response protocols specify:

(i) The emergency conditions under which isolation, restraint, or restraint devices, if any, may be used;

(ii) The type of isolation, restraint, and/or restraint device, if any, that may be used;

(iii) The staff members or contracted positions permitted to use isolation, restraint, or restraint devices with the student, updated annually, and identify any required training associated with the use of isolation, restraint, or restraint device for each staff member or contracted position;

(iv) Any other special precautions that must be taken.

(c) Any use of isolation, restraint, and/or restraint device must be discontinued as soon as the likelihood of serious harm has dissipated.

(d) Any staff member or other adults using isolation, restraint, or a restraint device must be trained and currently certified by a qualified provider in the use of trauma-informed crisis intervention (including de-escalation techniques) and the safe use of isolation, restraint, or a restraint device.

(2) School districts must follow the documentation and reporting requirements for any use of isolation, restraint, or restraint device consistent with RCW 28A.600.485, regardless of whether the use of isolation, restraint, or restraint device is included in the student's emergency response protocols.

(3) Nothing in this section is intended to limit the application of a school district's policy developed under RCW 28A.600.485 to protect the general safety of students and staff from an imminent likelihood of serious harm.

(4) Nothing in this section is intended to limit the provision of a free and appropriate public education under Part B of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

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