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Bullying & Restraint and Seclusion Policies

Bullying Policy

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Any policies adopted after 2012 should contain these components and we encourage revising earlier adopted policies to reflect the specific concerns addressed by this statute.

The most commonly missed provision

Each school district policy developed pursuant to §§ 13-32-14 to 13-32-19, inclusive, shall contain the following provisions:

1. A statement prohibiting bullying and a definition of bullying that includes the definition listed in § 13-32-15;
2. A description of the type of behavior expected from each student of the school district, and the consequences for a student of the school district who commits an act of bullying;
3. A procedure for reporting an act of bullying, including provisions that permit a person to anonymously report such an act, although formal disciplinary action may not be based solely on an anonymous report; and
4. A procedure for the prompt investigation and response to any report of bullying, including a requirement that an investigation be conducted on any alleged incident of bullying committed against a child while the child is aboard a school bus, at a school bus stop, or at a school-sponsored event.

The school district bullying policy will be reviewed to ensure that provisions 1-4 are included. The district should show how the policy is made readily available to stakeholders, parents, and students. The policy must be school board approved.

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Bullying Policy



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**Policy for school district employees on use of restraint and seclusion.
Authorized by SDCL 13-32-20.**

The school board of each school district shall adopt or revise a school district policy for school district employees on the use of restraint and seclusion. The policy pursuant to §§13-32-20 shall contain the following provisions:

1. A procedure for notifying the parent or guardian of the student, unless the student is emancipated, of an incident requiring the use of restraint or seclusion;
2. A prohibition on the use of prone restraint, defined as physical pressure applied to any part of the student's body to keep the student in a face down position on the floor or other surface, except when the use is necessary and reasonable in manner and moderate in degree; and
3. A prohibition on the use of involuntary confinement of a student locked alone in a room, unless there is a clear and present danger.

The school district restraint and seclusion policy will be reviewed to ensure that the provisions 1-3 are included and has been approved by the school board

Restraint and Seclusion Policy

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Thank You!



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