

Dothan City Schools Policy for Seclusion and Restraint

Alabama Administrative Code (AAC), Rule 290-3-1-.02(1)(f) was created in respect to the Seclusion and Restraint for ALL Students. In compliance with this rule, Dothan City Schools has provided this policy regarding seclusion and restraint. Dothan City Schools believes that schools should provide a safe and healthy environment in which children can learn, develop, and participate in instructional programs that promote optimum levels of academic achievement. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all students and staff are safe in school, and that students who may have behavior crises are free from inappropriate use of seclusion or restraint.

The use of seclusion or restraint shall directly follow guidelines and abide by all definitions set forth in the Alabama Administrative Code.

Seclusion or restraint shall not be used as routine school safety measures. They shall only be implemented in situations where a child's behavior or action poses imminent danger of physical harm to self or others and not as routine strategies to address instructional problems or inappropriate behavior (e.g., disrespect, noncompliance, or as a convenience). Any use of either seclusion or restraint shall be supervised, short in duration, and used only for the purposes of deescalating the behavior.