

**Parent Notification of District ESI Policy (proposed)**

**Board Policy: GAAF Emergency Safety Interventions**

The board of education is committed to limiting the use of Emergency Safety Interventions (“ESI”), such as seclusion and restraint, with all students. Seclusion and restraint shall be used only when a student's conduct necessitates the use of an emergency safety intervention as defined below. The board of education encourages all employees to utilize other behavioral management tools, including prevention techniques, de-escalation techniques, and positive behavioral intervention strategies.

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**ESI Explanation:**

The emergency safety interventions (ESI) law sets forth standards for the use of restraint and seclusion to ensure that all Kansas students and staff have a safe learning environment. The standards found in the ESI statutes and regulations are required to be followed in all Kansas public school districts and accredited private schools.

An **ESI** is the use of seclusion or physical restraint. The use of ESIs shall **cease as soon as the immediate danger of physical harm and violent action ceases to exist.**

Before using an ESI, a school employee witnessing the student’s behavior must have determined that **less restrictive alternatives** to ESI, such as positive behavior interventions support, were inappropriate or ineffective under the circumstances.

ESIs shall be used **only when a student presents a reasonable and immediate danger of physical harm to such student or others with the present ability to effect such physical harm.** Violent action that is destructive of property may necessitate the use of an ESI. ESIs may not be used for purposes of discipline, punishment, or for the convenience of a school employee.

Check here if there is a medical reason why seclusion could not be used with your student. By checking this blank, you agree to provide Santa Fe Trail USD 434 with documentation from a licensed physician backing this request. This request is invalid until said documentation has been received by the district.