

## **EAGLE RIDGE ACADEMY**

### **Restrictive Procedures Plan**

In accordance with Minnesota Statute 1125A.0942, Subd. 1(a), every school that intends to use restrictive procedures are required to maintain and make publicly accessible in an electronic format on a school or district Web site or make a paper copy available upon request describing a restrictive procedures plan for children with disabilities.

*Eagle Ridge Academy* uses restrictive procedures only in response to behavior(s) that constitutes an emergency, even if written into a child's Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP). "Emergency" means a situation where immediate intervention is needed to protect a child or other individual from physical injury. Emergency does not mean circumstances such as: a child who does not respond to a task or request and instead places his or her head on a desk or hides under a desk or table; a child who does not respond to a staff person's request unless failing to respond would result in physical injury to the child or other individual; or an emergency incident has already occurred and no threat of physical injury currently exists.

#### **I. *Eagle Ridge Academy* intends to use the following restrictive procedures:**

##### **A. Physical holding:**

1. "Physical holding" means physical intervention intended to hold a child immobile or limit a child's movement and where body contact is the only source of physical restraint, and where immobilization is used to effectively gain control of a child in order to protect the child or other person from injury.
2. The term "physical holding" does not mean physical contact that:
  - a. helps a child respond or complete a task;
  - b. assists a child without restricting the child's movement;
  - c. is needed to administer an authorized health-related service or procedure; or
  - d. is needed to physically escort a child when the child does not resist or the child's resistance is minimal.
3. *Eagle Ridge Academy* intends to use the following types of physical holding:
  - a. Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) Low, Medium, and Higher Holding seated, standing, and Team Control Position.
  - b. Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) Children's Control Position.

##### **B. Seclusion**

Seclusion means confining a child alone in a room from which egress is barred. Egress may be barred by an adult locking or closing the door in the room or preventing the child from leaving the room. Removing a child from an activity to a location where the child cannot participate in or observe the activity is not seclusion.

*Eagle Ridge Academy* does not use any rooms for seclusion.

**II. *Eagle Ridge Academy* will implement a range of positive behavior strategies and provide links to mental health services.**

**A. “Positive behavioral interventions and supports” means interventions and strategies to improve the school environment and teach children the skills to behave appropriately.**

**B. *Eagle Ridge Academy* implements the following positive behavior strategies:**

Stated School-wide behavior expectations incorporating the Pillars: Citizenship, Integrity, Perseverance, Honor, Excellence, and Respect. Eagle Ridge Academy’s Pillars are taught and reinforced through every day programming across all grade levels. The School of Grammar (K-5) implements “Pillar Club”, while the School of Logic (6-8), and School of Rhetoric (9-12) implements “Gryphon Gold”. Each is a positive behavior program that teaches and prepares students to be exemplary and knowledgeable citizens.

**C. *Eagle Ridge Academy* provides the following links to mental health services:**

1. Adler Counseling Services:
2. Carver County Children’s Mental Health Services:  
<https://www.co.carver.mn.us/departments/health-human-services/child-family/children-s-mental-health>
3. Hennepin County Children’s Mental Health Services:  
<https://www.hennepin.us/residents/health-medical/childrens-mental-health-services>
4. PrairieCare: Mental Health Care For Children, Adolescents and Adults: <https://www.prairie-care.com/>
5. Scott County Children’s Mental Health Services:  
<https://www.scottcountymn.gov/204/Childrens-Mental-Health>
6. Washburn Center for Children: Children’s Mental Health: <https://washburn.org/>

**III. *Eagle Ridge Academy* will monitor and review the use of restrictive procedures in the following manner:**

**A. Documentation**

B. Each time physical holding is used, the staff person who implements or oversees the physical holding shall document, as soon as possible after the incident concludes, the following information:

- A description of the incident that led to the physical holding;
- Why a least restrictive intervention failed or was determined by staff to be inappropriate or impractical;
- The time the physical holding began and the time the child was released; and
- A brief record of the child’s behavioral and physical status.

1. Attached as Appendix A, is Eagle Ridge Academy’s forms used to document the use of physical holding.

**C. Post-use debriefings, consistent with documentation requirements:**

1. Each time physical holding is used, the staff person who implemented or oversaw the

physical holding shall conduct a post-use debriefing with a building case manager and administrator within two school days after the incident concludes.

2. The post-use debriefing will review the following requirements to ensure the physical holding was used appropriately:
  - Whether the physical holding was used in an emergency;
  - Whether the physical holding was the least intrusive intervention that effectively responds to the emergency;
  - Whether the physical holding was used to discipline a noncompliant child;
  - Whether the physical holding ended when the threat of harm ended and the staff determined that the child could safely return to the classroom or activity;
  - Whether the staff directly observed the child while physical holding was being used;
  - Whether the documentation was completed correctly;
  - Whether the parents were properly notified;
  - Whether an IEP team meeting needs to be scheduled;
  - Whether the appropriate staff used physical holding;
  - Whether the staff that used physical holding was appropriately trained.
3. If the team determines, through the post-use debriefing, the use of physical hold was not used appropriately, Eagle Ridge Academy will ensure immediate corrective action is taken, such as administrative review of procedures and staff training.

#### **D. Oversight Committee**

1. Eagle Ridge Academy publicly identifies the following oversight committee Members:
    - **Jackie Johnson, School Psychologist**
    - **Katie Katzner, EBD Teacher**
    - **Janelle Mellgren or Bruce Locklear, Principals**
    - **Amber Dahlstrom, Special Education Coordinator**
    - **Cathy Tryggestad, Director of Special Services**
  2. Eagle Ridge Academy oversight committee meets quarterly.
  3. Eagle Ridge Academy's oversight committee will review the following:
    - The use of restrictive procedures based on patterns or problems indicated by similarities in the time of day, day of week, duration of the use of a restrictive procedure, the individuals involved, or other factors associated with the use of a restrictive procedures;
    - The number of times a restrictive procedure is used school wide and for individual children;
    - The number and types of injuries, if any, resulting from the use of restrictive procedures;
    - Whether restrictive procedures are used in nonemergency situations;
    - The need for additional staff training; and
    - Proposed actions to minimize the use of restrictive procedures.
- IV.** Eagle Ridge Academy staff who use restrictive procedures, including paraprofessionals, received training in the following skills and knowledge areas:
- A. Positive behavioral interventions:** CPI Crisis Development Model, Verbal Interventions
  - B. Communicative intent of behaviors:** CPI Unit entitled: CPI Crisis Development Model,

Preventative Techniques

**C. Relationship building:** CPI Unit entitled: Preventative Techniques

- D. **Alternative to restrictive procedures, including techniques to identify events and environmental factors that may escalate behavior:** CPI Unit entitled: Precipitated Factors, Rational Detachment, Integrated Experience
- E. **De-Escalation methods:** CPI Unit entitled: CPI Crisis Development Model
- F. **Standards for using restrictive procedures only in an emergency:** CPI Unit entitled: Nonviolent Physical Crisis and Team Intervention, & Understanding the Risks of Restraints
- G. **Obtaining emergency medical assistance:** Nonviolent Physical Crisis Intervention and Team intervention, & training on local numbers to call in case of an emergency
- H. **The physiological impact of physical holding and seclusion:** CPI Unit entitled: Nonviolent Physical Crisis and Team Intervention, Understand the Risks of Restraints, & Crisis Development Model
- I. **Monitoring and responding to a child's physical signs of distress when physical holding is being used:** CPI Unit entitled: Nonviolent Physical Crisis Intervention and Team Intervention
- J. **Recognizing the symptoms of and interventions that may cause positional asphyxia when physical holding is used:** CPI Unit entitled: Participant workbook Chapter Understanding the Risks of Restraints
- K. **District policies and procedures for timely reporting and documenting each incident involving use of a restrictive procedure; and**
- L. **Schoolwide programs on positive behavior strategies**  
The district will maintain records of staff that have been training and the organization or professional that conducted the training.
- M. **Eagle Ridge Academy provides the following training on accommodating, modifying, and adapting curricula, materials, and strategies to appropriately meet the needs of individual students and ensure adequate progress toward the state's graduation standards:**  
Staff receive regular training on modifications, adaptations, and interventions. In addition 'Professional Learning Communities' address the needs and strategies to accommodate students' individual learning needs.
- V. **Eagle Ridge Academy will never use the following prohibited procedures on a child:**
  - A. **Engaging in conduct prohibited under section 121 A.58 (corporal punishment);**
  - B. **Requiring a child to assume and maintain a specified physical position, activity that induces physical pain;**
  - C. **Totally or partially restricting a child's senses as punishment;**

- D. Presenting an intense sound, light, or other sensory stimuli using smell, taste, substance, or spray as punishment;**
- E. Denying or restricting a child's access to equipment and devices such as walkers, wheelchairs, hearing aids, and communication boards that facilitate the child's functioning, except when temporarily removing the equipment or device is needed to prevent injury to the child or others or serious damage to the equipment or device, in which case the equipment or device shall be returned to the child as soon as possible;**
- F. Interacting with a child in a manner that constitutes sexual abuse, neglect, or physical abuse under section 626.556 (reporting of maltreatment of minors);**
- G. Withholding regularly scheduled meals or water;**
- H. Denying access to bathroom facilities; and**
  - a. Physical holding that restricts or impairs a child's ability to breathe, restricts or impairs a child's ability to communicate distress, places pressure or weight on a child's head, throat, neck, chest, lungs, sternum, diaphragm, back, or abdomen, or results in straddling a child's torso.**