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**School Committee Policy:**

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### **Physical Restraint**

The school committee believes that every student attending Maynard Public Schools should be free from the unreasonable use of physical restraint. Physical restraint should only be used in emergency situations with extreme caution, after other less intrusive alternatives have failed.

School personnel involved in physical restraint shall keep the following guidelines in mind:

- ?? Maynard Public School employees shall be limited to the use of such reasonable force as is necessary to protect a student or another member of the school community from assault or imminent, serious, physical harm.
  
- ?? Maynard Public School employees will prevent or minimize harm to the student as a result of the use of such physical restraint.