



RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Seclusion and Physical Restraint Report 2021-2022

Wisconsin Act 125 prohibits the use of seclusion or physical restraint except when certain conditions apply. With Act 125, schools are asked to report and maintain data on seclusion and physical restraint. Through an analysis of the data collected, educators can identify patterns of using seclusion and restraint, review practices used in seclusion and restraint, and evaluate the impact of interventions in preventing seclusions or restraints. Using the data collected will provide a framework to reduce the use of physical restraint and seclusion.

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) defines “physical restraint” as a restriction that immobilizes or reduces the ability of a student to freely move his or her torso, arms, legs, or head. The DPI defines “seclusion” as the involuntary confinement of a student, apart from other students, in a room or area from which the student is physically prevented from leaving.

During the 2021-2022 school year:

- There were 3 students who were involved in 4 instances of seclusion
 - Of the total instances, 2 of the 3 were special education students
 - All instances were at River Valley Elementary School
- There were 3 students who were involved in 8 instances of physical restraint
 - Of the total instances, 2 of the 3 were special education students
 - One instance was at the Early Learning Center
 - Seven instances were at River Valley Elementary School

In all instances, the staff members involved were trained in CPI’s Nonviolent Crisis Intervention. Currently, 60 RVSD staff members are trained and certified in utilizing the Crisis Prevention Institute’s (CPI’s) *Nonviolent Crisis Intervention*® (NVCI) training program. The NVCI program is a nationally recognized program that emphasizes early intervention and nonphysical methods for preventing and/or managing disruptive behavior and potentially violent student behavior.

The *Nonviolent Crisis Intervention*® training program is a comprehensive crisis management system based on the philosophy of providing the best care for the welfare, safety, and security for students and staff, even during the most violent behavioral outbursts. The *Nonviolent Crisis Intervention*® training program emphasizes early intervention and nonphysical methods for preventing and/or managing disruptive behavior. This program provides training which focuses on prevention as well as appropriate physical interventions to be used only as a last resort when an individual presents an imminent danger to self or others. This training teaches skills needed to confidently and competently intervene in a crisis situation.