

**REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION**

**Staff Initiating: Director: Deputy Commissioner: Commissioner:**  
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**Item Title:**

Approval of recommended changes to seclusion and restraint guidelines

**Board Goals:**

Ensure that all students meet or exceed high academic standards

**Recommended Motion:**

It is moved that the Kansas State Board of Education approve recommendations from the Special Education Advisory Council regarding seclusion and restraint.

**Explanation of Situation Requiring Action:**

The Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) met in January and February to hear testimony regarding the use of seclusion and restraint. At their April Council meeting, the members of SEAC discussed the testimony and recommendations to be made to the Kansas State Board of Education. At the May State Board meeting, recommendations agreed upon by the SEAC membership were presented.

**Recommendations:**

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1. Change KSBE terminology describing incidents of seclusion and restraint under the umbrella of emergency safety interventions. ★
2. KSDE collect data regarding incidents of restraint.
3. KSDE collect data on use of Positive Behavior Instructional Supports in all public schools. ★
4. KSDE collect data on the proper training of emergency safety interventions.
5. Data collections concerning seclusion and restraint be collected on **all** students involved (general and special education students). ★
6. KSDE should monitor the discussions concerning legislation on seclusion and restraint at the general level to ensure that Kansas regulations mirror the federal position in either education legislation or reauthorization of ESEA and/or the IDEA.

Current - Recommend

SEAC review &  
make further  
recommendations

Senate Education Committee  
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