

281—14.11(256) Crisis response.

14.11(1) General. The following consists of appropriate responses to classroom behavior that presents an imminent threat of bodily injury and consistent with rules for seclusion and restraint:

a. Responses are to include nationally recognized best practices of crisis response/intervention to de-escalate behaviors that are likely to result in bodily harm.

b. Crisis response strategies are to include a safety assessment and continuum of strategies informed by the level of risk and the safety assessment.

c. When possible, response strategies are to use less disruptive, nonphysical intervention prior to the use of physical interventions, unless the circumstances are such that physical intervention is necessary to ensure the safety of the student and others.

14.11(2) Use of reasonable force. Notwithstanding the ban on corporal punishment in rule 281—103.3(256B,280), no employee subject to these rules is prohibited from using reasonable and necessary force in compliance with this chapter and 281—Chapter 103. An employee is not privileged to use unreasonable force to accomplish any of the purposes listed in this chapter and 281—Chapter 103. If physical force is used, school employees shall comply with any provisions of 281—Chapter 103 and this chapter.

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