

School Board Policy 6Gx50-5.181

**POLICY FOR THE USE OF BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES (BMP) FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

The Board recognizes that the implementation of individually designed behavioral interventions, with a focus on positive behavioral techniques, will promote an appropriate educational program for students with exceptionalities. The Board acknowledges that the majority of the more restrictive BMP plans will be developed for the few students whose behavior significantly interferes with their learning and/or the learning of others.

While all educationally appropriate behavior techniques will be considered, a plan for behavioral interventions which consists of social humiliation, the withholding of basic needs, or creates pain or extreme discomfort is inappropriate and prohibited. Interventions used in emergency situations to prevent a student from endangering self or others do not constitute behavior management procedures.

The Board promotes the use of positive interventions in all behavior management procedures. The Individual Education Plan (IEP) process shall include a behavior management procedures plan, when appropriate, for the individual student. The IEP process provides the opportunity for involvement of parents/guardians and trained staff. The Board recommends that whenever a Category I and/or Category II procedure is implemented, the parent will be notified by school personnel. Provisions for informed parental consent for some categories of interventions will be specifically addressed in the directives. In situations where the involvement of a parent/guardian is not possible, information regarding support services will be made available for parents/guardians and students.

Compliance with procedural safeguards of the IEP for any planned behavior management objective will ensure consistent application throughout the district. The Board will require that all employees will be appropriately trained in BMP and techniques relative to their responsibility prior to implementing BMP plans.

The Superintendent shall approve district directives and the necessary staff development plan to implement this policy.

Authority: 34 CFR 300.504; Florida Statute 230.23; State Board Rule 6A-6.03311

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