

**ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
SECTION D: STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS**

PHYSICAL INTERVENTION OF STUDENTS	POLICY
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POLICY STATEMENT:

The St. Clair Catholic District School Board is committed the health and well-being of its staff and students. The St. Clair Catholic District School Board recognizes the impact of positive school culture on the academic achievement of students and the overall wellbeing of all school community members and supports the development of safe, caring and inclusive school environments. The St. Clair Catholic District School Board permits the use of intervention, including physical intervention, to effectively manage student behaviours.

As a last resort, Board staff may physically intervene with a student who has lost self-control and presents an immediate and significant physical risk to self and/or others.

POLICY GOALS:

This policy and its attendant procedures set out a process:

- to ensure that the St. Clair Catholic District School Board will provide a safe and inclusive learning environment for students and staff.
- to elicit positive behaviours and to assist staff members to prevent and if necessary, de-escalate a potential crisis and
- to ensure that planned physical interventions are implemented cooperatively with the approval of parents and in consultation with appropriate Board personnel, therapist or medical authority and are utilized as directed by the therapist or medical authority.

REFERENCES:

Education Act and Regulations
Child and Family Services Act (CFSA)
Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA)
The Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC)