



Special Policy Update

July 28, 2026

Restraint and Seclusion

In 2025, the Colorado legislature passed House Bill 25-1248 Protect Students from Restraint and Seclusion, which tasked the Colorado State Board of Education with updating the Rules Implementing the Protection of Students from Restraint and Seclusion Act. On April 8, 2026, the Colorado State Board of Education adopted changes to those rules. The bill included new or expanded substantive requirements that are covered in more detail in the rules. The most impactful changes, which are reflected in policy are (1) clarification that seclusion is a form of restraint and includes specific requirements concerning its use, (2) narrows the use of restraint in response to property destruction, (3) updates training requirements, (4) expands or changes notice, documentation, and reporting requirements, and (5) allows a third party to file a complaint concerning the use of restraint and seclusion. These changes are reflected in sample policies JKA Use of Physical Intervention and Restraint, JKA-R Use of Physical Intervention and Restraint Procedures, JKA-E-1 Use of Physical Intervention and Restraint Complaint Form, and JKA-E-2 Use of Physical Intervention and Restraint Complaint Procedure.

Policy JKA Use of Physical Intervention and Restraint, and the associated regulation JKA-R Use of Physical Intervention and Restraint Procedures both needed substantial rewrites in structure, language, and formatting. Because of the substantial changes we are providing districts with a clean version, rather than a complicated redline. However, the purpose and aims of policy JKA and JKA-R have not changed. Therefore, it is recommended to revise your existing version of JKA and JKA-R in full by replacing the old language with the new JKA and JKA-R language.

Other Resources:

[Protect Students from Restraint and Seclusion | General Assembly](#)

[CDE Overview of Changes to the Rules Implementing the Protection of Students from Restraint and Seclusion Act](#)

Federal Procurement

From time to time the federal government updates thresholds for federal procurement guidelines per the Uniform Grant Guidance. These thresholds apply to any purchases using federal funds and procurement procedures vary depending on the threshold—

these updated thresholds are reflected in sample policies DJB Federal Procurement and DJB-R Federal Procurement Procedures.

Immunization of Students

Colorado law requires students attending Colorado public kindergarten, elementary, or secondary schools through grade 12 to be vaccinated against certain diseases, unless an exemption is on file at the school. In 2025, the Colorado legislature passed House Bill 25-1027, which made changes to student immunization requirements. In December of 2025 the Colorado Board of Health revised the Colorado Code of Regulations to update the rules on Immunization of Students Attending Schools. The update changes the exemption process for Medical and Non-Medical Exemptions, it also changes the requirements around denial of attendance and updates recordkeeping and reporting by certain school facilities. These changes are reflected in sample policies JLCB Immunization of Students and JLCB-R Immunization of Students Procedures.

Other Resources:

[CDPHE Explanation of Key Changes](#)

[Update Disease Control Statutes | General Assembly](#)

[Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Immunization Requirements](#)

Reporting Child Abuse

In 2025, the Colorado legislature passed House Bill 25-1188 Mandatory Reporter Task Force Recommendation. The most impactful change made to this policy is that mandatory reporters are now obligated to report child abuse within 24 hours of knowledge of abuse. The task force also made clear that reports are only required if the person was working in their professional capacity. These changes are reflected in sample policies GBEB Staff Conduct, JLF Reporting Child Abuse, and JLF-R Reporting Child Abuse Procedures.

Other Resources: [Mandatory Reporter Task Force Recommendations | General Assembly](#)

Criminal History Record Information

There are federal and state laws protecting a person's Criminal Justice Information and Criminal History Record Information from unnecessary, or inadvertent disclosure. While this information is useful while screening and hiring potential employees, particularly in the education space, these laws set parameters for the proper access, use, dissemination, protection, and disposal of this information. In October 2025, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) updated their policy recommendations to ensure all agencies who are accessing this sensitive information are doing so appropriately.

The updates to sample policy GBI Criminal History Record Information reflect the recommendations of the FBI, and Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI), which largely require more specificity around who can access the information, and any affirmative steps being taken to protect the information. Under the "Media Protection" section there are various pieces of optional language that districts need to thoughtfully choose. In particular, the policy should only include language about "electronic storage" if the district stores CJI or CHRI electronically. There are also nine options on how to securely

store physical media—districts should only include the options they implement within their district.

Other Resources: [Federal Bureau of Investigation | CJIS Security Policy Resource Center](#)

Code	Title	Description of Updates	Suggested Adoption Date	Required by Law	Core Policy	BOCES Policy
JKA	Use of Physical Intervention and Restraint	Revises Policy Substantially	As Soon as Practicable	Yes	Word	Word
JKA-R	Procedure for the Use of Physical Intervention and Restraint	Revises Policy Substantially	As Soon as Practicable	Yes	Word	Word
JKA-E-1	Student Restraint Incident Report Form	Minor Substantive, Technical, and Stylistic	As Soon as Practicable	No	Word	Word
JKA-E-2	Complaint Procedures and Regulations	Minor Substantive, Technical, and Stylistic	As Soon as Practicable	No	Word	Word
DJB*	Federal Procurement	Minor Substantive, Technical, and Stylistic	As Soon as Practicable	Yes, if receiving federal funds	Word	Word
DJB-R*	Federal Procurement Procedures	Minor Substantive, Technical, and Stylistic	As Soon as Practicable	Yes, if receiving federal funds	Word	Word
JLCB	Immunization of Students	Minor Substantive, Technical, and Stylistic	As Soon as Practicable	No	Word	Word
JLCB-R	Immunization of Students	Minor Substantive, Technical, and Stylistic	As Soon as Practicable	No	Word	Word
GBI*	Criminal History Record Information	Minor Substantive, Technical, and Stylistic	As Soon as Practicable	Yes	Word	Word
GBEB	Staff Conduct (And Responsibilities)	Minor Substantive, Technical, and Stylistic	As Soon as Practicable	Yes	Word	Word
JLF	Reporting Child Abuse and Child Protection	Minor Substantive, Technical, and Stylistic	As Soon as Practicable	No	Word	Word
JLF-R	Reporting Child Abuse and Child Protection Procedures	Minor Substantive, Technical, and Stylistic	As Soon as Practicable	No	Word	Word