



Board of Education

ACTION

TITLE: Consider Adopting Student Related Policy Changes
(Section 4 – Students)

DATE: October 27, 2025

RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR: Dr. Michael Farrell
Executive Director of Student Services

BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:

The administration desires to update section four (4): Students - of Fort Smith Public Schools Board Policies.

4.60—STUDENT BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION AND RESTRAINT – In July 2025, policy 4.60 was updated to incorporate the transition from positive behavioral supports to multi-tiered behavioral interventions from Act 804.

In October 2025 to ensure parents are notified of how to access state and local policies and procedures regarding the use of physical restraint on a student, the district desires to list the designated individual's contact information for the submission of related complaints and other questions. The specific passage to include will read...

[To register a complaint or question of concern please contact the appropriate grade level director: Director of Elementary Education or Director of Secondary at 479-785-2501 or questions@fortsmithschools.org.](#)

Mr. Marshall Ney has reviewed and approved this recommendation.

A clean and redline version is being provided to enable the Board to see the specific changes that are being proposed. If approved, revisions to Policy 4.60 will become effective immediately.

[Red Line](#)

[Clean Line](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the Board approve the changes to Board Policy 4.20 as presented to be effective upon board approval. If the Board agrees, the motion would read:

Move to approve Board Policy 4.60 as presented to be effective upon Board approval.