



# WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pupil Services/Special Education Department  
Longfellow Administration Center

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Wendy Cartledge, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services

TO: The Board of Education  
FROM: Wendy Cartledge, Director of Special Education  
DATE: 09/20/2024  
RE: 2023-2024 Seclusion and Restraint Report

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Seclusion and/or physical restraint may only be used when a student's behavior presents a clear, present, and imminent risk to the physical safety of the student or others, and it is the least restrictive intervention feasible. All district staff are provided an annual review of the requirements of the current law, Wisconsin Act 118, through the District required SafeSchools online training. Principals have been given the directive that the use of seclusion and/or physical restraint is not a disciplinary measure, rather, a safety measure, and is only to be used under circumstances that present **imminent risk**. The current requirements of Wisconsin Act 118 also apply to private/parochial schools..

## 2023-2024 DATA

The number of students district-wide requiring the intervention of seclusion or restraint was **27**. This is a **decrease** in the total number of students involved in seclusion and restraint from the previous year.

- Seclusion Incident Total **23**
- Restraint Incident Total **27**
- Restraint and Seclusion Total **8**
- Combined Total of **58** incidents of seclusion and/or restraint
- Slight decrease compared to incidents from 2022-2023.

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### **2022-2023 DATA**

The number of students district-wide requiring the intervention of seclusion or restraint was **29**. This is a **decrease** in the total number of students involved in seclusion and restraint from the previous year.

- Seclusion Incident Total **25**
- Restraint Incident Total **34**
- Combined Total of **59** incidents of seclusion and/or restraint
- This is a **decrease** of 64 incidents from 2021-2022.

### **2021-2022 DATA**

The number of students district-wide requiring the intervention of seclusion or restraint was **53**.

- Seclusion Incident Total **64**
- Restraint Incident Total **59**
- Combined Total of **123** incidents of seclusion and/or restraint
- This is an **increase** of 49 incidents from 2020-2021.

### **2020-2021 DATA (COVID Disruption)**

The number of students district-wide requiring the intervention of seclusion or restraint was **26**.

- Seclusion Incident Total **44**
- Restraint Incident Total **30**
- Combined Total of **74** incidents of seclusion and/or restraint
- This is a **decrease** of 69 incidents.

### **2019-2020 DATA (COVID Disruption)**

The number of students district-wide requiring the intervention of seclusion and/or restraint was **39**.

- Combined Seclusion/Restraint Incident Total **143**

### **2018-2019 DATA**

The number of students district wide requiring the intervention of seclusion and/or restraint was **69**.

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- Combined Seclusion/Restraint Incident Total **349**

During the 2024-2025 school year, seclusion and/or restraint data will be monitored, in accordance with Wisconsin Act 118, on a monthly basis and additional problem solving and consultation will be provided. Pro-ACT Crisis Intervention certification will also be offered throughout the year.

**The attached report details the following information by school:**

- Number of incidents of seclusion and physical restraint during the 2022-2023 school year
  - Number of students involved in the incidents receiving special education services (IEPs)
  - Number of students who were not identified as in need of special education services at the time of the incident(s)

If you have any questions, or would like further clarification or information, please contact me at 715-261-0533.

Wendy Cartledge  
Director of Special Education

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## WSD Seclusion & Restraints by School Building

1		Enter the total number of INCIDENTS of SECLUSION in the listed school in the previous school year	Enter the total number of PUPILS who were involved in the incidents of SECLUSION	Enter the number of PUPILS WITH DISABILITIES who were involved in the incidents of SECLUSION	Enter the total number of INCIDENTS of PHYSICAL RESTRAINT in the listed school in the previous school year	Enter the total number of PUPILS who were involved in the incidents of PHYSICAL RESTRAINT	Enter the number of CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES who were involved in the incidents of PHYSICAL RESTRAINT
2	PEER	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Franklin	0	0	0	1	1	1
4	Grant	1	1	1	3	2	2
5	Hawthorn Hills	0	0	0	3	3	3
6	Hewitt	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Jefferson	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Jones	3	2	2	1	1	1
9	Lincoln	3	2	2	1	1	1
10	Maine	1	1	1	0	0	0
11	Marshall	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Montessori	0	0	0	1	1	1
13	Rib Mt	4	2	2	9	3	3
14	Riverview	0	0	0	1	1	1
15	S. Mt.	3	2	2	2	2	2
16	Stettin	1	1	1	5	1	1
17	Mann	12	1	1	1	1	1
18	Muir	2	2	2	3	3	2
19	East	0	0	0	1	1	0
20	West	1	1	0	1	1	0
21	EEA	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	EGL	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	Summer School	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	WAVE	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	Alternative High	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	Project Life	0	0	0	0	0	0
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