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## PBIS-Seclusion and Restraint

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Here at Ohio Virtual Academy, our focus is always to ensure that the safety and security of our families is a priority. With that in mind, every effort will be made to prevent the need for the use of seclusion and/or restraint. Instead, we will always try to employ de-escalation techniques to ensure that staff act appropriately in the event of a student emergency. Also, very careful planning goes into our face-to-face events and safety is always paramount. OHVA maintains that priority that if there is ever an instance in which a student would need to be restrained or secluded, it is done so according to our Seclusion and Restraint Policy.

In addition to those measures, OHVA has partnered with the Educators School Network to train our staff in risk management. Being proactive and armed with the right information and tools can make all the difference in the world during an emergency.

And although we have not had any serious incidences at any of our testing sites, we feel that it is always better to be proactive. Here at OHVA, our students continue to be our priority. We will continue to make changes and improvements for the betterment of our families!

Thank you,

Johna McClure  
Special Programs Director