

MEMORANDUM

February 28, 2002

TO: District Superintendents
Directors of Special Education
Interested Parties

FROM: Respicio Vazquez State Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: Isolated Time Out and Physical Restraint Rules

Public Act 91-600 amended the School Code of Illinois to specifically address the issues of isolated time out and physical restraint in public schools. The Act required public school systems to maintain compliance with Sections 5/10-20.31, 5/14-8.05 and 5/34-18.18 of the School Code of Illinois until rules governing the use of isolated time out and physical restraint were adopted. The formal process for developing and filing the rules is now complete and implementation should begin immediately. We have enclosed a copy of the isolated time out and physical restraint rules. Please note the following:

- The effective date is January 15, 2002,
- The regulations apply to both regular education and special education,
- The regulations are available on the Illinois State Board of Education website (<http://www.isbe.net>), and
- The *Behavioral Interventions in Schools: Guidelines for Development of District Policies for Students with Disabilities* will be revised consistent with the changes and disseminated to you in the near future.

Please share this information with your school district personnel. If you have any questions, you may contact Marcia Kelley (mkelley@isbe.net) or Donna Schertz (dschertz@isbe.net), Principal Consultants, or Jack Shook, Division Administrator, Special Education Compliance at 217/782-5589. Thank you for your cooperation.

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