Sample Annual Notice to Parents About Chapter 103

Recent amendments to the Department's administrative rules on corporal punishment, physical restraint, and physical confinement and detention require annual notice to parents of the terms of those administrative rules, as well as any other policies or procedures on corporal punishment, restraint, or physical confinement and detention adopted by an AEA, a public school district, or an accredited nonpublic school. The following text is considered by the Department to contain the information required to be provided to parents in an annual notice.

Notice: Corporal Punishment, Restraint, and Physical Confinement and Detention

State law forbids school employees from using corporal punishment against any student. Certain actions by school employees are not considered corporal punishment. Additionally, school employees may use "reasonable and necessary force, not designed or intended to cause pain" to do certain things, such as prevent harm to persons or property.

State law also places limits school employees' abilities to restrain or confine and detain any student. The law limits why, how, where, and for how long a school employee may restrain or confine and detain a child. If a child is restrained or confined and detained, the school must maintain documentation and must provide certain types of notice to the child's parent.

[If school or AEA has additional policies or procedures, briefly describe them here].

If you have any questions about this state law, please contact your school. The complete text of the law and additional information is available on the Iowa Department of Education's web site: www.iowa.gov/educate.