

# Tennessee School Boards Association

Monitoring: <b>Review: Annually, in May</b>	Descriptor Term: <b>Safe Relocation of Students</b>	Descriptor Code: <b>6.4081</b>	Issued Date:
		Rescinds:	Issued:

1 Employees who are directly responsible for a student’s education or who otherwise interact within the  
2 scope of their assigned duties may relocate a student from the student’s present location to another location  
3 when such relocation is necessary for the student’s safety or the safety of others.<sup>1</sup> Such employees may  
4 also intervene in a physical altercation between two or more students or between a student and an LEA  
5 employee. Reasonable force may be used to physically relocate or intervene in a conflict if a student is  
6 unwilling to cooperate.<sup>2</sup>

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8 If an employee is unable to resolve the matter with the use of reasonable or justifiable force are required,  
9 the student shall be allowed to remain in place until such a time as local law enforcement officers or school  
10 resource officers can be summoned to relocate the student or take the student into custody until such a time  
11 as a parent or guardian can retrieve the student.

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13 In the event that physical relocation becomes necessary, the teacher shall immediately file a brief report of  
14 the incident with the building principal. If the student's behavior constitutes a violation of the Board's zero  
15 tolerance policy, then the report shall be placed in the student's permanent record. Otherwise, the report  
16 shall be kept in the student's discipline record, and not become a part of that student's permanent record.  
17 The principal or the principal’s designee shall notify the teacher involved of the actions taken to address  
18 the behavior of the relocated student.

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20 The director of schools shall create procedures to implement this policy consistent with State law. Each  
21 building principal shall fully support the authority of the employees' authority under this policy and fully  
22 implement the policy and procedures of the system.

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**Legal References:**

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30 1. Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-4018  
31 2. Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-11-603, 609-614, 621-622  
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