

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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Non-Lethal CS Gel

Scope

The Board of Trustees authorizes the storage and use of non-lethal CS gel on School District property in accordance with the terms of this policy and Section 45-8-361, MCA.

Storage

Non-lethal CS gel will be stored in locations on School District property selected by the administrative team in consultation with the school safety consultant or school resource officer. Non-lethal CS gel will be stored in a manner identified by the administrative team as being only accessible by staff members. Non-lethal CS gel units will be regularly checked by members of the administrative team or their designee to confirm inventory, proper storage, and compliance with stated effective date. The administrative team will provide an annual report to the Board of Trustees on the regular review of non-lethal CS gel units present on School District property. Only non-lethal CS gel units purchased by the School District are authorized to be present on School District property.

Training

Staff members may volunteer for training on use of non-lethal CS gel placed in School District buildings. The administrative team will select volunteers for training in consultation with the school safety consultant or school resource officer. Only those staff members who have been selected for and successfully completed training are authorized to use non-lethal CS gel on School District property. Staff members not trained in effective use of non-lethal CS gel are not authorized to use the gel units on School District property. Students are not authorized to use non-lethal CS gel on School District property. Staff members are not entitled to additional compensation for volunteering for training or use of non-lethal CS gel. Training on effective use will be renewed for authorized staff members every 24 months.

Use

Staff members are authorized under this policy to use non-lethal CS gel in a manner consistent with the School District-approved training on effective use of non-lethal CS gel. Effective use will include but is not limited to redirection or incapacitation of an individual or individuals intending to harm School District students or staff. Effective use expressly excludes use to redirect, discipline or otherwise harm students in violation of the School District's corporal punishment policy and Montana law. Confirmed misuse or unauthorized use of non-lethal CS gel by a student, staff member or citizen on School District property may result in School District discipline, loss of use authorization, and, if applicable, referral to law enforcement. Unauthorized use of non-lethal CS gel on School District property by a staff member is expressly outside the scope of the staff member's duties under Montana law.

Insurance

The administration will confirm that the storage and use of non-lethal CS gel is consistent the School District's workers' compensation and general liability insurance policies on an annual basis.

Legal Reference        Section 45-8-361, MCA  
                                 Section 20-5-202, MCA  
                                 Section 20-4-302, MCA

Policy History:

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