



## STUDENT DISCIPLINE POLICY

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Aquarelle Kids Academy uses discipline as an inherent part of early childhood, maintaining consistent, reasonable rules and limits for the children, as well as modeling and encouraging appropriate behavior. Our teachers will provide positive guidance, re-direction, and set clear limits designed to help each child develop self-control, self-esteem, and respect for others. Part of natural child development includes “testing” rules and boundaries. When children receive positive and understanding interactions from adults and others, they develop strong self concept, problem solving abilities, and self-discipline.

Our staff focuses on dependable routines and clear, consistent, developmentally appropriate rules and expectations. Based on this belief of how children learn and develop values, our center will practice the following discipline policy:

- ✓ Classrooms are designed to offer many opportunities for children to make positive choices in activities, friends, and interactions to attempt to prevent problems before they occur.
- ✓ Children learn to behave positively. If a child doesn't get sufficient attention for behaving well, they'll likely get it by behaving negatively. However, specific, immediate and sincere praise will positively affect a child's self esteem and positive behavior will follow.
- ✓ Teachers provide children with immediate feedback for negative behaviors by clearly explaining to the child why the behavior was inappropriate and providing the child with alternative choices for positive behaviors.
- ✓ Ultimately, we teach positive behavior by offering each child plenty of time, love and attention.

**Difficult Behavior Management Policy:** Children are not permitted to hurt themselves or others. This includes both physically and emotionally harmful actions such as name-calling or belittling friends. If a child is having difficulty making wise choices, the child will be redirected. Persistent behavioral issues will be discussed as a team with the parents and teachers so that we can work out a solution together.

**Our Student Discipline Policy is in compliance with State of Florida Child Care Statutes; 402.305 Licensing Standards; Childcare Facilities, (12) Child Discipline (see below).**

(a) Minimum standards for child discipline practices shall ensure that age-appropriate, constructive disciplinary practices are used for children in care. Such standards shall include at least the following requirements:

1. Children shall not be subjected to discipline which is severe, humiliating, or frightening.
2. Discipline shall not be associated with food, rest, or toileting.
3. Spanking or any other form of physical punishment is prohibited.

(b) Prior to admission of a child to a child care facility, the facility shall notify the parents in writing of the disciplinary practices used by the facility.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read the above and am aware and in agreement with it.

**PARENT SIGNATURE:**

**DATE:**