

TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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"No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained." Hebrews 12:11

At Trinity Christian Preschool, the children are taught that God created all of us with the ability to make choices. Some choices honor God and are the best for us, and other choices dishonor God and are harmful to others or ourselves. *"Love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:39.* Teaching about sin, its consequences, and God's love and forgiveness is foundational to the discipline policy. Initially, the rules are discussed in the classroom and are reviewed often, with limits that are consistent and communicated in a loving way. The expectations for obedience are made clear. The teacher plans the curriculum and environment to minimize conflicts. When conflicts arise, most often the issue is dealt with immediately at school. Therefore, parents may not always be notified. The child's age and emotional and social development are taken into account, recognizing the difference between childish immaturity and willful disobedience.

The steps in the discipline procedure are as follows:

- Reminder of the rules with opportunity for self-correction.
- Loss of privilege and redirection to another area or activity.
- Time-out, administered in a respectful way. The length of time-out is appropriate to the age of the child.
- Taken to the office for a time-out.
- Phone call to parent or guardian.

If the child is causing physical harm to himself or to others, causing major disruption, behaving disrespectfully, or being blatantly disobedient, the teacher may go directly to the final steps in the procedure. Discipline, at that point, will be at the teacher's discretion. A "working together" plan may be necessary. The working together plan may include the following recommendations:

- Conference with parents
- Prayer with staff and parents
- A physical exam to check vision/hearing/diet
- Consistent discipline in the preschool as well as at home
- Professional counseling

After a specified time, if there has been no significant change, it may be decided that the preschool is not the best place for the child. The ultimate goal of our preschool is to help them understand that they must gradually take responsibility for their own problems. God is ultimately concerned that the child matures into a person of love, responsibility, and self-control.

Child _____ Class _____

I have read and understand the Discipline Policy.

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

