



Watson Hall Montessori School

Discipline Policy

The Watson Hall Montessori School believes discipline should be used to teach children acceptable behavior and self-control through modeling. Discipline is appropriate to the child's developmental understanding. Staff members are proactive regarding identifying any problems that may arise and prepare the students ahead of time for group activities. Staff members also give daily lessons on grace, manners, and good citizenship. In the event a child engages in inappropriate behavior, he/she will be verbally redirected to display more positive behavior. The Watson Hall Montessori School believes it is important to reinforce positive behavior as opposed to focusing solely on negative or unacceptable behavior.

Occasionally, a child may need to be removed from the group or activity. This allows the child to calm down and regain control of his/her self at which point he child may resume participation. In cases where there is a confrontation between two children, each child will be given the opportunity to tell what he/she feels happened. The children will be asked to explain to each other what they feel happened and come up with a solution appropriate to their misunderstanding. (This type of communication and problem solving usually takes place between a mature 4 or 5 year old.)

It may become necessary to remove a child completely from the classroom environment. If this happens, the child may be placed in another classroom or the school office to "calm down." In extreme cases the parent will be called to pick the child up from school.

If your child exhibits behavior that is consistently disruptive or destructive to the classroom environment, the teacher or the Director of Instruction will contact the parents to discuss these issues and alternative methods of communication. If the child shows consistent behavior that impedes the progress of the class, puts himself/herself in danger, puts other students in danger, or puts the teaching staff in danger, the parents will be formally asked to withdraw the child from The Watson Hall Montessori School. Any dangerous or maladaptive behavior will be documented in writing by the teaching staff. Parents will be notified of these behaviors.

AT NO TIME DO TEACHERS USE PHYSICAL PUNISHMENT, SHAMING, OR WITHHOLDING OF FOOD OR BATHROOM PRIVILEGES!