

Madison Consolidated Early Development Center

Discipline Policy

An important part of Preschool is for students to learn how to self-monitor the choices they make. In order for that to happen, we have to allow them to make mistakes, learn from those choices, and move forward in a positive manner. It's important for your child's development to be nurtured through caring, patience, and understanding. However, we also have to address the misbehavior of students to ensure a safe environment for all students. Hitting, kicking, spitting, hostile verbal behaviors, and any behaviors that will hurt another child will not be permitted.

In response to undesirable behaviors, the staff at the MCEDC **will**:

- respect your child
- ensure your child's safety and the safety of others
- help your child to learn and grow from poor choices
- establish clear rules
- consistently enforce rules
- use positive language to explain desired behavior
- speak calmly to your child
- give clear choices
- redirect your child to a new activity
- discuss desired procedures
- have your child to practice desired procedures
- have your child take a timeout, if necessary (for one minute per year of your child's age)
- discuss the issue with you
- possibly request a conference to discuss the behaviors
- possibly establish a written behavior plan

In response to undesirable behaviors, the staff at the MCEDC **will NOT**:

- threaten your child
- use physical punishment (even if requested by the parent)
- deprive your child of food or other basic needs
- place your child in isolation
- scream at your child or use degrading language
- humiliate your child

If your child's behavior is very disruptive or harmful to himself or other children, we will request a conference with you to discuss the behavior and determine the best way to help your child to self-regulate the behaviors. Every attempt will be made to help your child to remain enrolled in the program. However, if the behaviors continue and are deemed harmful to your child or others, you may be asked to make other child care arrangements.

As a parent, we welcome your concerns and suggestions. Using the lines below, please list any other positive behavior techniques that you have found to be successful with your child.

Child's Name: _____ DOB: _____

Additional positive behavior techniques to be used with your child:

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____