

# Murphy Adventist Christian School

## Discipline and Behavior Management Policy

Praise and positive reinforcement are effective methods of the behavior management of children. When children receive positive, non-violent, and understanding interactions from adults and others, they develop good self-concepts, problem solving abilities, and self-discipline. Based on this belief of how children learn and develop values, this facility will practice the following discipline and behavior management policy:

**We:**

1. Do praise, reward, and encourage the children.
2. Do reason with and set limits for the children.
3. Do model appropriate behavior for the children.
4. Do modify the classroom environment to attempt to prevent problems before they occur.
5. Do listen to the children.
6. Do provide alternatives for inappropriate behavior for children.
7. Do provide the children with natural and logical consequences of their behaviors.
8. Do treat the children as people and respect their needs, desires, and feelings.
9. Do ignore minor misbehaviors.
10. Do explain things to children on their levels.
11. Do use short supervised periods of "time-out".
12. Do stay consistent in our behavior management program.

**We:**

1. Do Not spank, shake, bite, pinch, push, pull, slap, or otherwise physically punish the children.
2. Do Not make fun of, yell at, threaten, make sarcastic remarks about, use profanity, or otherwise verbally abuse the children.
3. Do Not shame or punish the children when bathroom accidents occur.
4. Do Not deny food or rest as punishment.
5. Do Not relate discipline to eating, resting, or sleeping.
6. Do Not leave the children alone.
7. Do Not place the children in locked rooms, closets, or boxes as punishment.
8. Do Not allow discipline of children by children.
9. Do Not criticize, make fun of, or otherwise belittle children's parents, families, or ethnic groups.

I, the undersigned parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_  
,do hereby state that I have read and received a copy of the facilities Discipline and Behavior Management Policy and that the facilities director/coordinator (or other designated staff member) has discussed the facilities Discipline and Behavior Management Policy with me.

Date of Child's Enrollment: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

