



## Discipline Policy

Praise and positive reinforcement are effective methods of behavior management. When children receive positive, nonviolent, and understanding interactions from adults and others, they develop good self-concepts, problem solving abilities, and self-discipline. Based on this belief, Barnyard Academy uses a positive approach to discipline and practices the following discipline and behavior management techniques.

### WE DO

- ◆ Communicate to children using positive statements.
- ◆ Communicate with children on their level.
- ◆ Talk with children in a calm quiet manner.
- ◆ Explain unacceptable behavior to children.
- ◆ Give attention to children for positive behavior.
- ◆ Praise and encourage the children.
- ◆ Apply rules consistently.
- ◆ Model appropriate behavior.
- ◆ Set up the classroom environment to prevent problems.
- ◆ Provide alternatives and redirect children to acceptable activity.
- ◆ Give children opportunities to make choices and solve problems.
- ◆ Help children talk out problems and think of solutions.
- ◆ Listen to children and respect their needs, desires and feelings.
- ◆ Provide appropriate words to help solve conflicts.
- ◆ Use storybooks and discussion to work through common conflicts.

WE DO NOT

- ◆ Inflict corporal punishment in any manner upon a child
- ◆ Use any strategy that hurts, shames, or belittles a child.
- ◆ Use any strategy that threatens, intimidates, or forces a child.
- ◆ Use or withhold physical activity as a punishment.
- ◆ Shame or punish a child if a bathroom accident occurs.
- ◆ Embarrass children in front of others.
- ◆ Compare children.
- ◆ Leave any child alone, unattended or without supervision.
- ◆ Criticize, make fun of, or otherwise belittle a child's parents, families, or ethnic groups.

A conference will be scheduled with the parent/guardian if particular disciplinary problems occur that consistently endanger the safety of the children around him/her. Note: If, at any point, there is an indication that a child may have special needs, Barnyard Academy will inform the child's family.

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Child's Name

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date