

DISCIPLINE POLICY AND AGREEMENT

This Discipline Policy goes hand-in-hand with the Guidelines For Participation Handbook, which is to be read by and given to all participating families. The Guidelines For Participation and Discipline Policy are for all students and families participating in any activities at The Ark, including those just coming for Individual Courses or Enrichment.

We believe that consistent loving discipline is not only essential in contributing to a good program, but it is an essential part of that program. The basic responsibility for discipline resides in the home, therefore parents will be informed when unusual circumstances arise. It is almost impossible to be of any real help to your child unless you are in active support of what we are attempting to do. Proverbs 3:12; 13:24; 19:18; 22:15, will be of some help in this area. Sometimes a child will persistently have a behavioral problem such as excessive talking, lying, or some other form of disobedience. We usually handle these situations by talking with the child, separating him from the rest of the group, or taking away a privilege and making him apologize for his actions.

For problems that continue, the parent is asked to come for a conference to discuss the child's behavior. In persistent cases, a parent may be asked to discipline the child if necessary. The academy reserves the right to request withdrawal of any student whose parents are not willing to follow the well-established disciplinary procedures of the academy or of any student that does not respond positively to the parents and administration's discipline.

Discipline is a balance of love and control. Discipline and order are necessary to the traditional education process. The faculty strives to provide love and attention to each individual student. The following will put into perspective The Ark's philosophy of discipline:

1. At The Ark, the classroom is teacher-directed. The on-site Support Staff is always the authority.
2. The staff at The Ark expects full cooperation from students in all matters pertaining to policies and requests.
3. When a student is disciplined it is simply a matter of bringing the child back in line with what is right.
4. Love is the basis for all discipline at The Ark. It is the goal to bring each child to his full potential and to teach the child the meaning of good character and responsibility.

Parents are asked to exercise confidence in the judgment of the teachers and support staff in the manner of discipline. The teachers, support staff teachers and Ministry Board are willing to discuss any problems with parents pertaining to discipline. The staff at The Ark asks for full cooperation and support from parents.

I/We have read this policy and understand that we will work together with staff at The Ark to make this program a success for our child and for our family!

Student Signature/Printed Name _____

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Parent Signature _____ Date _____

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