



The Wonder Years Academy Discipline Policy

At The Wonder Years Academy, the term “guidance” is used for several reasons. It is a positive term and implies that we work with children to develop internal control of his/her behavior. Our goal is to encourage the children to become creative, independent, responsible and socially mature. This involves learning to make responsible choices and accepting consequences of their choices.

The following guidance will be followed when using discipline at The Wonder Years Academy.

Guidance takes many forms:

Environment. We have created an environment which is scaled to size and allows the children to gain a lot of hands-on experience.

Logical Rules. We teach the children some basic rules, such as taking care of our learning environment, and respecting each other’s space. These are discussed with the children, as well as why such rules are needed.

Curriculum. Our curriculum is developmentally-appropriate based upon the children’s interests and level of readiness.

Positive Behavior. Throughout the day we re-enforce the behaviors we teach. Children are rewarded when they follow directions. They are provided ample opportunities to understand and learn proper behavior.

Re-Direction. Often interesting a child in another activity can eliminate a potential difficulty. We might ask a child to help us with a teacher activity or send them to a different area to play.

Positive Reminder. We tell the child what the expected behavior is rather than telling them what we do not want.

Renewal Time. Occasionally a child needs to be removed from a situation for a brief time allowing them to consider alternate behavior.

Any on-going situations will be discussed with the parents to ensure a cooperative approach. Please feel free to discuss any questions or concerns immediately with the director.

No corporal punishment will be allowed or tolerated. This is defined as the use of negative physical touching. Spanking, slapping, pinching, etc. is expressly forbidden. In addition no unusual punishment will be allowed such as withholding food, humiliation, threat, ridicule, or coercion. **NO MASKS OR OTHER METHODS SHALL BE USED TO SCARE CHILDREN. NO MASKS OR “SCARY TACTICS” ESPECIALLY DURING THE HALLOWEEN PERIOD.**