

DISCIPLINE AND GUIDANCE

DISCIPLINE

If, after asking for a child's cooperation, the child continues to be a disturbance, the teacher will remove the child from the group and place her/him in an area where the child may watch, but not participate. The goal is for the child to learn self-control, not teacher control. The child may return to the group when he/she is ready to cooperate. The staff is always ready to work with parents in solving behavioral problems with their children. However, if there is a continued lack of self-control and other related problems, and the staff feels such behavior to be detrimental to the other children enrolled, the child may be permanently dismissed.

REDIRECTION

If a child is using materials inappropriately she/he will lose a turn in that area for one minute per year of the child's age (i.e. four minutes for a four year old). The child may play elsewhere and return to try again when time is up.

DISCIPLINE AND GUIDANCE POLICY FOR KINDERPLATZ OF FINE ARTS

Texas Administrative Code, Title 40, Chapters 746 and 747,
Subchapters L, Discipline and Guidance

Discipline must be:

1. Individualized and consistent for each child;
2. Appropriate to the child's level of understanding; and
3. Directed toward teaching the child acceptable behavior and self-control.

A caregiver may only use positive methods of discipline and guidance that encourage self-esteem, self-control, and self-direction, which include at least the following:

1. Using reinforcement and encouragement of good behavior instead of focusing only upon unacceptable behavior;
2. Reminding a child of behavior expectations daily by using clear, positive statements;
3. Redirecting behavior using positive statements; and
4. Using brief supervised separation or time out from the group, when appropriate for the child's age and development, which is limited to no more than one minute per year of the child's age.