



## Homeschool Hangout Behavioral Expectations

The purpose of First Friends' Homeschool Hangout is to provide homeschool students a supervised, comfortable place to study and the opportunity to socialize with other homeschoolers in a safe and caring environment.

If a child is struggling with behavior regulation during Homeschool Hangout, we are committed to working with families to determine if our program is the right fit. To that end, we have outlined the following discipline code.

Discipline is the ongoing process of helping children develop inner controls while assuming responsibility for their actions. We accomplish this by setting clear and understandable rules & limits for all children including:

- we use our words, not our bodies, to solve problems
- we do not exclude other children
- we do not use hurtful language
- we do not hurt ourselves, others, or damage property
- we can ask adults for help

### Student Expectations:

- Resolve conflicts using appropriate language
- Treat each other with kindness and respect
- Treat our physical surroundings with respect
- Be careful with the materials used during Homeschool Hangout activities

- During study hours, stay on task and be quiet and respectful of other learners
- When finishing your work early, have a book or quiet activity to work on until study time is finished
- Ask for help when you're not sure what to do
- Be honest and fair and always try to do your best
- Respect the rules and limits set by the staff

#### Parent Expectations:

- Reiterate Homeschool rules and limits
- Participate in developing behavior plans for children when necessary
- Bring any concerns or complaints concerning their child's care or participation in our program to the attention of the program director
- Treat all staff members with respect, including using appropriate language in verbal and written communication
- Refrain from sending sick children to Homeschool Hangout (children must be symptom free for 24 hours prior to attending)
- Pick up children on time
- Pay upfront at drop off with cash, check, or zelle
- Keep an active contact number on file and answer texts and phone calls from First Friends' staff in a prompt manner

#### Staff Expectations:

- Engage children in meaningful activity to prevent problems from occurring in the first place
- Maintain realistic behavior expectations

- Clearly communicate rules to children and their families
- Listen to children who are distressed
- Encourage children to participate in problem-solving and conflict resolution
- Remove children from a situation in which they are not able to calmly and safely resolve conflict
- Provide logical and natural consequences for children's actions
- Involve parents when necessary
- Handle parent concerns promptly and confidentially

Parent Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Child or children's name(s):

I understand that failure to comply with behavioral expectations could result in my child not being able to participate in First Friends' Homeschool Hangout.

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*Parent Signature*

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*Date*