

Wildwood Preschool

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Behavior Management Policy

It is the goal of Wildwood Preschool to assure the physical and emotional well being of all the children served in the program. We strive to minimize the occurrence of problematic behavior by maintaining a low student-teacher ratio and by providing activities that are appropriate to the children's interests and developmental levels. In dealing with any behavior issues that arise, we adhere to the following policies:

1. Positive approaches to management will be the strategies of preference, including the use of positive suggestions, praise for appropriate behavior, problem solving through dialog and redirecting the child to an appropriate activity.
2. Time-out procedures may be used to manage problem behaviors if the approaches above are ineffective. This may involve sitting in a designated time-out place in the classroom. The time spent in time-out will be limited to no more than one minute for each year of the child's age.
3. **There are a few behavioral circumstances in which a child will be sent home for the day:**
 - A. If a child bites another student.
 - B. If a child has repeated time-outs (4 or more)
 - C. If a child's behavior is so disruptive it creates an unbalance in the student-teacher ratio.
4. If the Wildwood Preschool staff determines that a child has become a behavioral problem, a specific behavior plan will be developed with the parents. When a behavior plan is in place, it is an indication that the child's behavior must change in order to stay in the program. A plan will be put in place if a child is sent home more than 3 times due to behavior or if the program director sees fit.
5. If the Wildwood Preschool staff determines the efforts to modify the behavior are unsuccessful, then the child may be discharged from the program. This decision will be made by the program director.

Signature: _____ Date: _____