



Canyon Creek Preschool
Operational Discipline and Guidance Policy

This form provides the required information per 26 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) minimum standards Sections 744.501(7), 746.501(a)(7), and 747.501(5).

Directions: Parents will review this policy upon enrolling their child. Employees, household members, and volunteers will review this policy at orientation. A copy of the policy is provided in the operational policies.

Discipline and Guidance Policy

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 praise 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.

There must be no harsh, cruel, or unusual treatment of any child. The following types of discipline and guidance are prohibited:

- 1) corporal punishment or threats of corporal punishment;
- 2) punishment associated with food, naps, or toilet training;
- 3) grabbing or pulling a child;
- 4) putting anything in or on a child's mouth;
- 5) humiliating, ridiculing, rejecting, or yelling at a child;
- 6) subjecting a child to harsh, abusive, or profane language;
- 7) placing a child in a locked or dark room, bathroom, or closet;
- 8) placing a child in a restrictive device for time out;
- 9) withholding active play or keeping a child inside as a consequence for behavior, unless the child is exhibiting behavior during active play that requires a brief supervised separation or time out that is consistent with 746.28803 (4)(D); and
- 10) requiring a child to remain silent or inactive for inappropriately long periods of time for the child's age.

Signature

Child's Name: _____

This policy is effective on the following date: _____

Signed by: _____

Role: ☐ Parent ☐ Caregiver/Employee