

RISEN SAVIOR LUTHERAN SCHOOL AND  
EARLY LEARNING CENTER

DISCIPLINE POLICY

*10M – 12.013 Florida State Law*

- 1. Children should not be subjected to discipline which is sever, humiliating or frightening.*
- 2. Discipline shall not be associated with food, rest, or toileting.*
- 3. Spanking or any other form of physical punishment is prohibited.*

Risen Savior Early Learning Center is a Christian school and the teachers stress Jesus' love in all disciplinary actions. As an integral part of our curriculum, the children will be taught to share and to get along with others. They will be taught to be respectful of others and to the items in the classrooms. Self-discipline is a learning experience that is stressed daily through positive responses by the teachers.

Our teachers realize that each child is different physically, socially and emotionally. When disciplining a child, we consider each child individually and discipline accordingly. Please make sure that your child gets their appropriate rest and has a good breakfast before coming to school. We would also appreciate it if you would notify us of any changes to your child's schedule or of any problems at home that would affect their behavior.

Most disciplinary problems can be handled by redirecting the child or children into another activity. We use time out procedures only as a last resort. This time out period is only for a short time: 1 minute per year.

VIOLENT BEHAVIOR

**Biting:** Although biting is a natural impulse, we must discourage it. If a child bites more than three times in a period of one month, the child will be suspended for one week. According to the health department, when a child bites and draws blood the child bitten must receive a tetanus shot.

**“Wrestling/Boxing”:** Children love to imitate what they see, however, by imitating wrestling moves, power rangers, teen titans, etc., other children get hurt. We attempt to discourage this type of pretend play and instead encourage “friendly play.” We do not allow, hitting, kicking, punching, or

choking. The children will be asked to sit down away from the activity when acting in this behavior. If this becomes a problem, then the child will be suspended for one week.

The safety of your child is very important to us, please help us maintain this.