

# Texoma Christian School Early Childhood Policies

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

## Discipline and Guidance Policy for Texoma Christian School

- ❖ Discipline must be:
  - Individualized and consistent for each child;
  - Appropriate to the child's level of understanding; and
  - Directed toward teaching the child acceptable behavior and self control.
  
- ❖ A caregiver may only use positive methods of disciplines and guidance that encourage self-esteem, self-control, and self-direction, which include at least the following:
  - Using praise and encouragement of good behavior instead of focusing only upon unacceptable behavior;
  - Reminding a child of behavior expectations daily by using clear, positive statements;
  - 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:
  - Corporal punishment or threats of corporal punishment;
  - Punishment associated with food, naps, or toilet training;
  - Pinching, shaking, or biting a child
  - Putting anything in or on a child's mouth;
  - Humiliating, ridiculing, rejecting, or yelling at a child;
  - Subjecting a child to harsh, abusive, or profane language;
  - Placing a child in a locked or dark room, bathroom, or closet with the door closed;
  - Requiring a child to remain silent or inactive for inappropriately long periods of time for the child's age.

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

<p>My signature verifies I have read and received a copy of this <u>discipline and guidance policy</u>.</p> <p>✓ _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Signature &amp; Relationship to Child</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Date</b></span></p>
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### **Please check the following and sign below:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ I have read and received a TCS (Preschool) Parent Handbook.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ I have read and understand the Matthew Principle; I agree to follow this Resolution of Conflict that TCS abides by.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the TCS Early Childhood Program (extended day) does not serve a hot lunch; therefore, the parent is responsible for their child's daily nutritional needs.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ To my knowledge, my child was seen by a health care professional within the last year, and has been declared free of contagious & infectious diseases as of the last well child visit, and he/she has no physical limitations that may keep him/her from participating in a preschool program.
  - Doctor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Doctor's Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Doctor's Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

✓ **SIGNATURE & RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Texoma Christian Preschool Family Life Values Statement

Texoma Christian School is a non-denominational evangelical Christian school which exists to assist parents in raising their children in the Lord while providing an excellent academic foundation. Because we are a Christian school and because we believe that the Bible is the living Word of God...

- Our goal is that each of our faculty and staff has a personal relationship with the Lord.
- Our curriculum is developmentally appropriate and is taught from a Christian perspective.
- We honor the child development principles and parenting roles taught in Scripture. Here are key examples:

Ps. 78:5-6 "He commanded our forefathers to teach their children so the next generation would know them (statutes and laws), even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children." (NIV)

Deut. 6:6-7 "These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." (NIV)

- We believe that parents are the primary teachers of their children. Our goal is to assist parents by teaching their children the truths of God, a love for people, along with the skills and knowledge necessary to equip them for life.

Prov. 22:6 "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." (NIV)

Matt. 18:5, 10 "Whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me." See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. "For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven." (NIV)

- Children are precious and important to the Lord. We don't take our responsibility lightly. We love these children, teach them, and respect them, as we fulfill our calling to train up the next generation in the Lord.

**As a parent, making application for my child here at Texoma Christian Preschool, I agree to support the principles mentioned here, and to fulfill my role to the best of my ability as the primary teacher and encourager of my child.**

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✓ Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

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(Date)