

## Redeemer Lutheran School Home of the Bears

## **Community Building and Discipline**

Just as every student has the right to an education without disruption, every student has the obligation to be polite and considerate in their dealings with other students, teachers and staff members. Good manners and the willingness to be positive to one another helps contribute to a great school! Our interest is our students' welfare and we care enough about our students to keep after them so that they will have the best chance for success. Therefore, we have certain expectations of our students and build around those expectations as reminders for appropriate behaviors. In whatever they do or wherever they go, students will have to adjust to the demands made upon them. Each school's unique community is based on expectations that should be easily understood by students including being prepared, tolerant, respectful, kind, and responsible. Good discipline is a friendly, yet orderly relationship where we work cooperatively toward our goals. It includes appropriate classroom management and other discipline strategies focused on helping students to act properly in the buildings or playground. For many students, this comes naturally, but for others, it must be taught positively through community building activities and supports. Students will receive rewards and consequences for their behavior. Students who continually experience difficulties with following school rules and/or engaging appropriately with others are often evaluated for individualized support and assistance.

- 1. Children must respect school property.
- 2. Children must use appropriate social language.
- 3. Children must respect the rights and property of others.
- 4. Children must not be willfully disobedient.
- 5. Fighting is never permitted
- 6. Children must not leave the building without permission.
- 7. Children must obey all rules and regulations of the school.
- 8. Bullying or harassment will not be tolerated.
- 9. Weapons or items that could be used as weapons (including toys) are not allowed in school.

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Redeemer Lutheran School will have consequences when classroom management techniques fail and/or when expected standards of student behavior are not adhered to. The following range of consequences may be applied by the school administrator or teachers depending upon the needs of the child, the nature of the offense, and the frequency of the occurrence:

- 1. Writing and implementing a corrective plan of action.
- 2. Verbal and/or written apology
- 3. Meeting/call with principal/teacher/parent/student
- 4. Time out in a designated area

- 5. Loss of recess privilege
- 6. Remaining beyond a regular school day.
- 7. Restoring of defaced property
- 8. Suspension in/out of school

## Dress & Appearance

Students are encouraged to dress in a comfortable, appropriate, clean manner. Girls are not allowed to wear tube tops, shirts that expose the belly or "midriff," revealing shirts, shirts with spaghetti straps, short skirts, or short shorts (skirts and shorts must come to right above the knee). Straps on shirts should be at least one and a half inches wide. Boys should not wear tank tops, white sleeveless undershirts, or "saggy" shorts/pants/jeans. Any jewelry should be age-appropriate and not serve as a distraction. The school reserves the right to require the student to immediately change the prohibited clothing or require the parent to provide alternative clothing. Parent cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Students will go out for recess and should be prepared for the weather.

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