



The Lake Fern Montessori Academy Inc.  
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## DISCIPLINE POLICIES

As you know rules and regulations governing Day Care Centers have changed dramatically in the past years, and we believe current rules are in the best interest of your child and Lake Fern. Current regulations require us to reveal in writing our discipline policies and register your understanding and endorsement. Lake Fern is required to keep this document in your child's file on the premises. We strongly believe that no disciplining will be effective without the firm intervention of the parents and we will inform parents of misbehavior and expect at home reinforcement of discipline efforts. There is no other way to be truly effective in discipline matters which at this early age may affect your child for years to come.

### **Our policy at Lake Fern states:**

If a child is misbehaving he/she is reprimanded, removed from the current environment and placed in a "Thinking Chair" off to the side of the classroom or playground. Misbehaving, depending on the current environment can include but is not limited to such things as classroom disruption, intentionally disobeying teacher instructions, aggressive behavior towards others and more serious incidents such as the use of foul language, hitting, or biting other children or teachers. The child must remain in the chair for a period of time determined by the teacher (generally based on age) to think about his actions. After the time is up a teacher will discuss with the child the reason he was placed in the "Thinking Chair" in an effort to reinforce the reason for the discipline action. If a continuing problem occurs, the problem will be called to the attention of the parents for assistance. This may be done at the time the child is picked up at the end of the day, by a phone call home in the evening from a staff member or in the event of a serious problem, we will if necessary phone parents at work for immediate intervention. Continuing unresolvable discipline problems may result in suspension or expulsion of the child from the school with tuition and fees to the date of action payable to the school.

I understand and endorse the discipline policy in effect at Lake Fern Montessori Academy and pledge to work with the staff in the event of any recurring discipline problem with my child.

Childs Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_