

Liberty Learning Center Discipline Policy

Positive discipline is the process of teaching children how to behave appropriately. Positive discipline respects the rights of the individual child, the group **and** the adult. Positive discipline, unlike punishment, teaches self esteem, not fear.

We at Liberty Learning Center have a few clear, consistent rules that we patiently explain to the children as often as need be. When a child appears close to breaking a rule, he or she is warned. The warning is always accompanied by an explanation. If the child continues to break the rule, he or she will be given a "Time Out". This time out will be spent near the group and be of very short duration. The teacher will talk to the child before he or she re-enters the group and will praise the child for good behavior during the time out.

Positive Discipline is enhanced by planning ahead-

Planning for fun and work time
Including everyone in group activities
Providing time and space for each child to be alone
Sharing ownership and responsibility with the child (we talk about **our** school, **our friends and our** toys)

We work on anticipating problem situations and intervening when necessary by-

Re-directing children to new activities to change their focus to positive
Providing individual attention when necessary
Removing the child from the area of conflict

We criticize **Behavior, NOT Children**

At times, we establish a reward system of praise, using stickers, notes and special awards. However, we never make the reward system one that fosters unhealthy competition with unreachable goals. We will work at enticing children to be their best and behave in ways they can be proud of.

Liberty Learning Center's Staff will follow a positive discipline routine every day.