

## **ST. EDWARD AFTER CARE PROGRAM DISCIPLINE POLICY**

St. Edward After Care Program uses the following methods of discipline:

Discipline shall be consistent and individualized for each child.

Discipline shall not be associated with food, rest or toilet privileges. The following activities are inappropriate and shall not be limited to: restraints, harsh treatment, washing mouth, taping or obstructing child's mouth, placing unpleasant or painful tasting substance in the mouth or lips, verbal/abusive language, isolation without supervision, placing child in dark areas, inflicting physical pain e.g. hitting, pinching, slapping, kicking, twisting arms, shaking, etc.

A child should be redirected into acceptable behavior through offering appropriate choices, such as you may sit in the time out or follow the directives given by the care providers.

Corporal punishment is against the policy of the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Little Rock and therefore will not be an option for discipline in the After Care Program.

Age appropriate rules and consequences will be developed by the coordinator and care providers and given in writing to the parents.

Inappropriate behavior is to be handled by the care providers and the coordinator.

A written report is to be made to parents and the principal when behavior involves physical or verbal abuse to any participant or staff person and/or involvement of damage to school or public property.

The principal and/or coordinator may call for a parent conference to resolve any discipline problem.

If an act is considered to be severe enough for removal from the program, the principal or coordinator reserves the right to expel the participant from the program.

Any child registered in St Edward After Care Program is subject to be interviewed by the Child Care Licensing Specialist, SIU, or law enforcement officer should a complaint be filed against the Center.

I have read and understand the discipline policy of the After Care Program. I give my permission for the center to use all methods set out above.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If the parent(s) disagree with any disciplinary method above, please list the method preferred. \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_