

Providence Christian School of Gig Harbor

Classroom Management and Behavior Policy

Behavior Code: The Providence ABC's

A behavioral code has been developed at Providence to guide appropriate student behavior in a consistent manner throughout the school. Specific rules are developed to govern situations (lunchroom, playground, etc.) that require heightened specificity, however, all rules relate directly to our behavior code.

Aim High

Be Respectful

Care for Others

Student Discipline

At the beginning of the school year, each teacher will notify the parents regarding classroom rules, consequences, and reward systems. These will all be approved by the principal and posted in each classroom by the individual teacher.

Positive reinforcement shall be the preferred method of classroom management and discipline. Other forms of discipline may include "time out," withholding privileges, assigning special tasks, etc. Effective and intentional teaching of appropriate behaviors will be ongoing throughout the year.

Parents will be contacted at the onset of progressive discipline. The consequences will range from a warning on the first offense to increasing severity, which ultimately could result in suspension for the remainder of that school day or school year. Some infractions, which could result in suspension, include:

Willfully Injuring Another

Vandalism

Bullying

Fighting

Profanity/Obscenity

Sexual Harassment

Cheating

Blatant Disrespect

Lying

Special Circumstances of an Unusual Nature

Steps to Handle Misbehavior

LEVEL 1 – The first step involved in correcting misbehavior is discussion between the student and the teacher. Depending upon the severity, the teacher may decide to contact the parents and discuss the concern with them as well as the child

LEVEL 2 – If the misbehavior continues after informal conferences, the teacher may request a parent conference which may include the principal.

LEVEL 3 – If the conference fails to result in acceptable student behavior or when the offense is severe, the teacher may request that the student be removed from the classroom. Parents will be notified that the student may not return to school until a conference has been held. At this conference, the parents, principal, teacher and the student will complete a student commitment form to improve his or her behavior.

LEVEL 4 – When the required parent conference doesn't eliminate the problem, additional misbehavior may result in additional parent conferences or suspension from school.

The exceptions to the above progression are serious offenses that include physical aggression, drugs, weapons, etc. They will begin at either Level 3 and may result in authorities being contacted.

Providence Christian School takes a zero tolerance approach to drugs, weapons, including toy weapons on school grounds. If a child is in possession of dangerous items, he or she may be suspended from school immediately and not be allowed to return to school until the teacher, principal and a representative of the school board hold a meeting concerning this matter.