

Yuba River Charter School  
Nevada City, California  
POLICY MANUAL

KINDERGARTEN DISCIPLINE

(Approved by the Charter Council 8-11-10)

**General Guidelines**

At Yuba River Charter School one of the central aims is that the school environment fosters children's safety and well-being. Faculty, administration and parents work together collaboratively towards this end. Respect for adults, peers and property must be sought at all times in all areas of participation.

**In The Classroom**

Individual disciplinary problems, whether in the classroom or on the play yard, are handled directly by the supervising teacher or authorized adult. When a discipline issue presents itself, the teacher will seek age appropriate interventions that re-direct the behavior which may include:

- logical consequences
- a rest and recovery time
- create an opportunity for restitution.

The teacher strives to meet the individual needs of each child. Hence students may have different consequences for similar behavior. Parent participation towards appropriate behavior in the classroom may be considered.

We oppose all forms of corporeal punishment, public ridicule or any other form of psychological, emotional, or physical abuse.

**Discipline Process**

The following behaviors are above and beyond what the class teacher is expected to handle in the classroom. This is not an exclusive list of what constitutes an **incident**:

- Biting
- Excessive pushing
- Pushing to the ground
- Kicking
- Hitting with malicious intent
- Use of objects as a weapon
- Verbal abuse
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- Harassment - Targeting a specific student (bullying or excessive teasing)

**NOTE: Parent helpers that observe any behaviors that constitute an incident need to report it immediately to the teacher.**

The following outlines the process when an incident has occurred.

- An Incident Report is completed by the teacher or authorized adult and filed with the Director.
- The teacher may request a parent/teacher conference.
- The teacher will call the parent(s) as soon as it is possible.
- After successive incident reports a parent/teacher conference is required with the Director. At this time an SST meeting may be required and/or a behavior plan put in place. A behavior plan will outline steps that may result in suspension from school
- After 3 suspensions the student may be eligible for expulsion.
- Based on the severity of the incident, the director may call an SST at any time.

#### **A Word About Harassment**

Harassment is repeated, unwanted and disrespectful attention. It takes many forms, all of which are serious personal and social offenses. YRCS strives to nurture the emotional well being of its whole community. All students are expected to refrain from any comments, attitudes, bullying, physical touching or attentions unwanted by or upsetting another person. It is of the utmost importance that each student develops and practices a respectful sensitivity for the physical and emotional well being of other people in the school.

#### **Media on Campus**

No electronic media, games or toys including but not limited to cell phones or individual music players, will be allowed on campus.

**This policy supersedes all previous policies related to kindergarten discipline.**

**This policy is included in the Kindergarten Handbook and Parent Information Meeting handouts.**