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DISCIPLINE

Christian discipline is a part of the learning process at Divine Redeemer Lutheran School. When parents enroll their children in the school, they agree to a Christian training according to biblical precepts. As Christians, we believe that God has created each child as a unique individual with unique qualities and characteristics. Each child's actions and reactions to a situation tend to be very personal in nature. Therefore, we approach discipline on an individual basis with Christian love and concern at the heart of the response and any resulting consequences. Consequences will be designed to reflect our desire to enable the child to make more God-pleasing choices in the future.

The teachers at Divine Redeemer make every effort to employ the philosophy of "Teaching With Love & Logic." The Love & Logic philosophy helps create positive relationships and a respectful environment. It is based on the following principles and beliefs:

- v Adults are responsible for setting limits in the school, in a respectful and empathetic way.
- v Mistakes are wonderful opportunities for important learning.
- v Children and adults work and learn best in a place where they feel physically and emotionally safe.
- v Children need practice in problem solving if they are to develop powerful problem-solving skills for life.
- v Practicing habits of respectful behavior toward others is a valuable habit for life.
- v Practicing setting appropriate limits on how you allow others to treat you is a valuable habit for life.
- v Strength is developed when struggling toward a meaningful goal.
- v People have different needs, strengths, and goals. These differences deserve our respect. Treating all people the same when managing behavior is seldom respectful.
- v Self-confidence is developed by repeated experiences of giving sincere effort and achieving success.

The following actions will be brought to the attention of the principal and will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, which may include detention, suspension, or expulsion:

- v Possession of alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco products, or weapons
- v Fighting of a physical nature
- v Obscene or vulgar language
- v Theft or vandalism to church or school property
- v Bullying