

**St. Mary Queen of the Universe Parish Religious Education (PRE) Program
STUDENT BEHAVIOR POLICY**

Appropriate student behavior is essential to the success of the PRE Program. The Program must have the support and cooperation of students and parents. All students are expected to assume their share of responsibility in maintaining an atmosphere to promote faith-filled learning. Inappropriate and disruptive behavior will warrant disciplinary action. Threats and weapons will have serious consequences.

*The goal for every person (adult and child) in the PRE Program is:
"to act and interact in such a way as to not be a distraction
to our shared learning environment."*

Students in the PRE Program are expected to:

- ❑ be present, on time, and prepared for class each week.
- ❑ be attentive and participate (in an appropriate way) in the faith experiences in the classroom and in the Church.
- ❑ show respect for themselves and other students, teachers, staff members, and adult volunteers.
- ❑ respect (and handle with care) all property, equipment, and supplies of the St. Mary Grade School, St. Mary Church and Parish Center and the PRE Program. Students and/or their parents will be responsible for the replacement of any items damaged or taken without permission.
- ❑ use appropriate language, courtesy, and good manners at all times.
- ❑ exhibit appropriate behavior in all facilities of the PRE Program. Students are not to run in the hallways of the building or between the school and the Church. Students are to stay with their teacher when moving from one location to another.
- ❑ cooperate and be involved with the teacher's requests for activities, projects, tasks, etc.
- ❑ follow all the guidelines that may be established by the classroom teacher or for a specific event.
- ❑ have the teacher's permission before leaving an assigned group or area.

These guidelines will be enforced by the Program Director, teachers, aides, staff members, and all adults acting on behalf of the PRE Program. Infractions will warrant disciplinary action.

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DISCIPLINARY ACTION POLICY**

Students (and parents) have the right to be informed of expected behavior, and they have the responsibility to respect and comply with the rules and regulations. Parent/s and child/ren should discuss these as well as the disciplinary actions listed below.

Specific consequences will be based on the seriousness and/or frequency of the behavior as well as the student's willingness to adapt and cooperate with the Program authorities as the incident is resolved.

Any serious infraction or criminal activity warrants immediate action by any adult acting on behalf of the Religious Education Program; such violation may result in immediate suspension or expulsion of the student from the Program.

The guidelines for appropriate behavior will be discussed at the beginning of each year in each classroom. After this has been done, if a child's behavior disrupts others, the steps listed below will be followed to allow normal classroom activity to continue.

- 1) At the first incident, the child will be reminded of expected behavior and warned of the consequences of such misbehavior.
- 2) If the misbehavior happens again (either during the same class session or during subsequent sessions) and if the teacher feels that a sufficient number of warnings/explanations have been given, the child will be sent to the Director to discuss appropriate vs. inappropriate behavior. Depending on the situation, the child will either be allowed to return to class or will remain with the Director for the rest of the session.

The child will be allowed to return to the classroom if an understanding can be reached as to how everyone involved can best continue to learn and grow in their faith. The parent/s will be notified of any serious and/or frequent misbehavior.

- 3) If unacceptable behavior continues, the child will be sent to the Director; and the parents will be called to come pick up the child. A meeting will be arranged to outline an appropriate course of action for the student. Those involved in this meeting will include any combination of the following: student, teacher, parent/s, PRE Director, and Pastor.
- 4) If the student is allowed to return to class, he/she will be placed on a probationary status until the conditions in the course of action have been met.

- 5) If improvement is not recognized, final disciplinary action will be taken; this may result in suspension or expulsion. Resources are available for home study if the student withdraws or is suspended/expelled.