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Philosophy of Child Discipline Policy

Discipline

"... To train or develop by instruction, especially in self-control" (*Webster New Collegiate Dictionary*)

It is the philosophy of this School to help children grow emotionally, as well as intellectually, to help children succeed, feel good about themselves, and be able to express their feelings positively and constructively.

It is our policy that discipline be positive. Discipline is not punishment. It is a way of helping children learn to identify socially acceptable behavior.

Within our School, limits and rules are clearly defined, consistent with and in accord with the appropriate development and age of each child, and the Program in general. We focus strongly upon the reinforcement of acceptable behavior, and the prevention of undesirable behavior by being ourselves responsive to the needs of the children.

Methods of Correcting Inappropriate Behavior

Madrasatu Ahlis Sunnah employs the following methods to address and guide inappropriate behavior:

- 1) **Redirection of Activities:** to change the focus of a child's behavior.
- 2) **Individualized Attention:** to help the child to deal with a particular situation.
- 3) **Time-Out:** the removal of a child from the area of activity, for a few minutes, so that he/she may gain self-control.
- 4) **Attention to Good Behavior:** to respond to and reinforce positive behavior, acknowledge or praise the child when behaving well to let him/her know that we approve of what he/she is doing.

Discipline shall not be isolation without supervision or the withholding of food or attention. No child shall be subjected to corporal punishment, emotional neglect, abusive language, ridicule or any behavior that shall intimidate, frighten or endanger the child or his/her self-image.