



## MAY SANDS MONTESSORI SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT

Our goal is to maintain a positive and peaceful environment for all students. Students are expected to demonstrate respect for self, others, and the environment through grace and courtesy towards all members of the May Sands Montessori School Community. Student behavior should be exhibited in ways that ensure optimal safety, educational, and social emotional well-being for all students.

Repeated instances of inappropriate behavior must be documented on a Conduct Form. Physical or verbal aggression or violence will not be tolerated. If this occurs, the student will be sent home. A Student Support Team conference to develop a plan of action will be required before the student is readmitted to class.

The Principal may suspend a student from school for willful disobedience, open defiance of a staff member's authority, use of profane or obscene language, other serious misconduct, or repeated misconduct of a less serious nature. Parents will be notified in writing of the reasons for suspension and shall be provided with an opportunity for a conference within 24 hours of the effective date of suspension.

### **Addressing Non-Violent Behaviors**

Behaviors exhibited by students that are deemed disruptive to the academic setting may result in one of more of the following consequences:

- The Lead Guide and the student will meet to address the concern and redirect minor instances.
- The student will be removed from the classroom/group for a designated amount of time.
- The student's disruptive behavior will be communicated to the parents via telephone or email.
- Behaviors that are continuous, or more significant, will be documented in detail on a school Code of Conduct Form and sent home with the student for family review and signature.
- The Student's Support Team (student, parents, teacher, and administrative staff) will meet to discuss the student's behavior and develop a shared agreement (behavior contract/plan) to support a positive and peaceful environment.
- The student may be referred to the school based counselor (Guidance Care Center) or Teacher of Student Supports for support/intervention.
- The student will receive a logical consequence determined by school staff, to include restitution for damages if necessary.
- The student may be required to miss recess, serve an in or out-of- school suspension for a determined amount of days, and/or refrain from attending school-related activities outside of the normal school day.
- In the event of repeated or serious behaviors that endanger the health and safety of others, the School Safety Officer will be involved, and the student may be asked to leave the school.