School Discipline Policy

It is important that students and staff maintain a safe and healthy school environment and classroom climate that promotes learning. This discipline plan outlines school policies and rules regulating student behavior, and it promotes the importance of student rights and responsibilities. Our major goal is to help students become accountable and to teach them to conduct themselves in such a way so as to show, at all times, that they understand and accept school policies and rules regulating student behavior.

Although each teacher sets up his or her own class rules, the entire staff is committed to providing an education, which is free of disruptive behaviors. The students at Tustin Ranch are required to make good choices and be responsible individuals. If a child makes a poor choice, the consequence will depend on his or her actions. It is important that all children follow the school and classroom rules and be respectful of all staff members onsite.

Student Rights

1. To learn in a positive and safe environment
2. To be recognized as a unique individual
3. To be respected and treated equally
4. To be heard and trusted

Student Responsibilities

1. Show respect for yourself and others
2. Show respect for public and private property
3. Come to school on time with the needed materials
4. Take pride in and complete all schoolwork
5. Come to school daily, unless you are sick
6. Obey the rules of safety and courtesy
   a. Follow teacher/adult supervisors' directions at all times
   b. Keep hands and feet to yourself
   c. Gum, skateboards, electronic devices, balls and toys from home are not permitted
   d. Walk bikes on campus
   e. Walk in the hallways and on the blacktop
   f. Observe the standards of behavior during lunch and on the playground
   g. Remain in designated areas of school grounds; leaving the campus without a parent/guardian or school permission is not permitted

Unacceptable Behavior

1. Fighting
2. Threats and/or bullying behavior
3. Inappropriate language or gestures
4. Stealing or gambling
5. Property damage
6. Possessing, selling, or otherwise furnishing any firearm, knife, explosive or other dangerous object
7. Violating the dress code
8. Cheating
9. No littering
10. Making bomb threats/false fire alarms
11. Use/possession of drugs, alcohol or tobacco

Suspension

The education code states: "Continual, willful disobedience, open and persistent defiance of the authority of the teacher, habitual profanity or vulgarity, habitual truancy, smoking of cigarettes on school premises, possession or sale of controlled substances or forgery constitutes good cause for suspension or expulsion from school."