

# NDS Junior High Discipline Policy

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school and a new year in NDS JH! In order to guarantee your child and all of the students in our classroom have the excellent learning climate they deserve, the teachers developed a school-wide discipline plan with our core beliefs. They are as follows:

## Notre Dame School Core Beliefs

1. We believe children will be treated with dignity at all times.
2. We believe children are capable of making good choices.
3. We believe problems are really opportunities to learn and grow.
4. We believe children are responsible for solving their own problems with guidance.
5. We believe in a logical connection between the problem caused and the consequence or action taken.
6. Due Process: Students have a chance to tell their side when things seem unfair.

From these core beliefs, we agreed upon three expectations for the entire school – Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe. Using these beliefs and expectations, we developed our own discipline plan as follows:

## Above the Line Behaviors

### *Be Respectful*

Listen while others are speaking and raise your hand when you want to speak.

Use kind words when speaking to one another.

### *Be Responsible*

Follow directions.

Turn work in on time.

### *Be Safe*

Keep your hands, feet, and other objects to yourself.

## Below the Line Behaviors

Disrespectful, irresponsible, unsafe

## Bottom Line Behaviors

Fighting, bad language, chronic below the line behavior

If students choose to act disrespectfully, irresponsibly, or unsafely, they will be given a “Choices and Consequences” form to complete. This will aid them in solving their problem with a logical consequence to follow. We also want to help them focus on repairing or fixing the behaviors, so the correct behavior is reinforced.

With these core beliefs, expectations, and this discipline plan we hope to empower the students to solve their own problems. It is in your child’s interest that we work together in relationship to his/her schooling. Please sign the attached form after reviewing both the Discipline and Homework policies for NDS JH.

Thank you for your support,  
NDS Junior High Teachers

**Please join us in our school prayer:** “As a Notre Dame student, I will show respect for all things, for myself, and for others at all times. I will contribute to the learning environment. I will follow school and classroom procedures. I will show integrity and honor in all my accomplishments. I will treat everyone I meet with kindness, and help others to grow in love as a child of God.”