



**PeeWee Patch Child Development Center
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**Pee Wee Patch Child Development Center
Discipline Policy**

State of Michigan licensing regulations states the following regulations regarding discipline:

1. Staff shall use developmentally appropriate positive methods of discipline which encourages self-control, self-direction, self-esteem, and cooperation.
2. Staff shall be prohibited from using the following as a means of punishment:
 - a. Hitting, spanking, shaking, biting, pinching, or inflicting other forms of corporal punishment.
 - b. Restricting a child's movement by binding or tying him or her.
 - c. Inflicting mental or emotional punishment, such as humiliating, shaming, or threatening a child.
 - d. Depriving a child of meals, snacks, rest, or necessary toilet use
 - e. Confining a child in an enclosed area, such as a closet, locked room, box, or similar cubicle.
3. Non-severe and developmentally appropriate discipline or restraint may be used when reasonably necessary to prevent a child from harming himself or herself or to prevent a child from harming other persons or property, excluding those forms of punishment prohibited by sub-rule (2) of this rule.
4. A center shall have a written policy regarding the discipline of children. This policy shall be furnished to staff and parents.

Pee Wee Patch Child Development Center's Discipline policy

We at Pee Wee Patch believe that the best form of discipline evolves from having the following components in each classroom:

1. Consistent, knowledgeable and professional teachers
2. A clear and positive set of classroom rules developed with participation from the children.
3. A consistent and predictable daily routine/schedule.
4. A well-organized and labeled classroom equipped with an adequate amount of developmentally appropriate materials.
5. The classroom is arranged in a way that facilitates learning.
6. Developmentally appropriate expectations for children.
7. Positive redirection
8. Logical and appropriate consequences.
9. Model appropriate behavior.
10. Ignore minor misbehaviors.
11. Stay consistent.
12. Teach children problem solving techniques.
13. Treat children as individuals and respect their needs, desires and feelings.
14. Acknowledge when children are making good choices.
15. Teamwork and communication with parents.

Positive developmentally appropriate discipline will be used when necessary to reinforce appropriate behavior. Staff shall never make a child feel a lack of self-esteem or self-worth. There is no form of physical punishment that will be deemed acceptable.

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Appropriate forms of discipline that may be used:

- Discussing with the child what type of behavior is acceptable.
- Review the choices that the child has made.
- Discuss what choices are appropriate.
- Redirect inappropriate behavior.
- Loss of the privilege of participating in activity where inappropriate behavior occurred.
- Group problem solving with teacher and children who are having a conflict.

Webster defines "Discipline" as: to teach. The goal of the faculty at Pee Wee Patch is to help the children gain self-regulated control of their behavior and choices.