

DISCIPLINE PLAN

We have revised our discipline program at Sacred Heart School. The revised plan is based on the Above The Line program which was developed by Corwin Kronenberg, a nationally recognized expert on behavior management.

The goal of the Above The Line plan is to promote a safe and caring environment where all the students are taught the difference between appropriate and inappropriate behavior. In the program behavior is divided into three groups. The groups are Above The Line, Below The Line, and Bottom Line. The three behavior categories with some sample behaviors are illustrated in the box below.

ABOVE THE LINE	
Be Respectful Be Responsible Be Polite	Be Safe Be Cooperative Be On Task
BELOW THE LINE	
Bullying Swearing Name-Calling Pushing/Shoving , Hitting	Hitting Uncooperative Being Off Task
BOTTOM LINE	
Weapons Vandalism Racial Harassment	Assault Use of Drugs Sexual Harassment

Students are expected to demonstrate Above The Line Behaviors. If a student makes a bad behavior choice and falls Below The Line, the student will be expected to assume responsibility for the behavior.

Students who choose a Below The Line Behavior will be given a choice by the adult in charge. They will be asked if they want to

“Fix It” or if they want a consequence for going Below The Line. If the child selects the “Fix It” option, the child will be expected to assume responsibility for developing a plan for fixing the problem he/she has caused with his/her Below The Line Behavior.

When a child requests a consequence for a Below The Line Behavior, the consequence will be worked out with the child and the adult in charge.

We do not have a standard consequence for every Below The Line Behavior. A consequence will be generated for every situation following these guiding principles: The consequence must be Related to the behavior, delivered Respectfully, and it must be Reasonable.

There are some behaviors that are considered totally inappropriate at school. These behaviors are considered Bottom Line Behaviors. A Bottom Line Behavior is a violation of state law, district policy, or any totally unacceptable behavior. When a student demonstrates a Bottom Line Behavior, it will require involvement by the pastor, parent(s)/guardian(s), and maybe legal authority.

Once again, our goal is to create a safe and caring learning environment for all of our students. We appreciate your support and cooperation.