



**Al Ihsan School
School-Wide Behavior Policy
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Parent/guardian and student, you are responsible for knowing the contents of this document. Please read and discuss the information together. Thank you!!

This handbook provides information about the policies and procedures of our School-wide Discipline Plan. When parents, students and teachers work together toward a common goal, a more enjoyable school experience will happen. The goal of our plan is to help our students be successful. Discipline plays a huge role in a child's education. It is a life-long skill children will rely on as they become active members of their community. Our students deserve the most positive learning environment to achieve academic success. Therefore, this school-wide discipline plan will be in effect at all times.

Al Ihsan School School-wide Discipline Plan

What is a School-wide Discipline Plan?

A School-wide Discipline plan is an organized, data-driven system of interventions, strategies and supports that positively impact school-wide and individualized behavior planning.

What are the benefits of a School-wide Discipline Plan?

A systematic approach to discipline enhances learning outcomes for all students. By reinforcing desired behavioral outcomes students will clearly understand expectations. Students are explicitly taught what the desired behavior should be. This attention to expectations leads to a more positive classroom experience, a stronger learning community and an increase in student learning.

Defining Discipline:

Discipline is a process that uses teaching, modeling and other appropriate strategies to maintain the behaviors necessary to provide a safe, orderly and productive learning environment by changing unacceptable behavior to acceptable behavior.



Our teachers and staff will provide all students with an enriching, challenging and nurturing learning atmosphere each year. Each teacher has a classroom management plan to address procedures and discipline in the classroom. This plan includes positive rewards. Please make sure you and your child understand these rules and procedures. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

If your child's teacher contacts you about a discipline concern for your child, please be supportive and responsive to work with us, so that your child's behavior has a positive outcome.

Stop and listen attentively

Open the door to making good choices

Act responsibly

Respect

Beliefs Related to Discipline at Al Ihsan School:

- The misbehavior of one student will not be allowed to interfere with the learning opportunities of other students.
- The misbehavior of a student will not excuse him/her from successfully completing learning objectives.
- Every discipline is an opportunity to teach expected behavior.
- Expected behavior must be communicated, taught and modeled throughout the school year.
- Parents have a responsibility to ensure that their children's behaviors do not take away from a safe, orderly and academically productive learning environment of others.

The Classroom Teacher's Commitment

Teachers will:

- Enforce the School-wide Discipline Plan as agreed
- Communicate high behavioral expectations to students and parents
- Commit to follow through to the success of student behavior
- Take responsibility for classroom problems and behavior
- Foster a school climate characterized by a concern for students as individuals
- Take an interest in the personal goals, achievements and needs of their students
- Support the students in their academic and extracurricular activities

Staff Member's Commitment

Staff members will:

- Enforce the School-wide Discipline Plan as agreed
- Communicate high behavioral expectations to students
- Commit to follow through to the success of student behavior
- Take an interest in personal goals, achievements and needs of students
- Support the students in their academic and extracurricular activities.

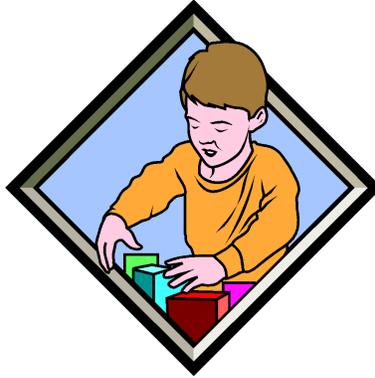
Administrator's Commitment

Administrators will:

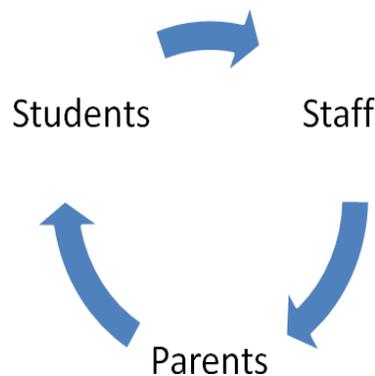
- Support the teachers in this system
- Model high behavioral expectations
- Maintain a school climate in which everyone wants to achieve self-discipline
- Foster a school climate where the administration is sincerely concerned for the staff and students as individuals
- Take an interest in personal goals of teachers, staff and students

Al Ihsan School Community's Commitment

- ***Be specific:*** tell the student exactly what they did
- ***Be timely:*** don't wait to praise or correct
- ***Be sincere:*** insincere praise is usually worse than none at all
- ***Be consistent:*** with everything, everywhere
- ***Communicate:*** keep open lines of communication open between home and school



Securing Parent and Student Agreement and Active Support



The success of a school-wide system lies in the relationship built between parents, staff and students of the school community. This relationship begins with communication. Parents will be informed about current school issues, success and concerns through school-wide newsletters, classroom teacher's updates, the school website, parent meetings and parent handbooks. The hope is by keeping parents well-informed the plan will be more successful.

On an individual basis student behavioral issues are addressed with parents through the parent/teacher emails, notes home, phone calls home and parent conferences. A signature is required for any written notification concerning behavior. The signature helps school staff know that the parent is aware of the concerns being raised and is the beginning of establishing an open line of communication. This communication helps to foster the success of the school-wide plan.

Al Ihsan School's school-wide plan is successful because it is based on a commitment to each child's success, to easy-to-follow school rules and to consistency. The system allows for each teacher's style in the classroom and it allows for age appropriate communication and discipline without compromising school-wide policies, expectations and consistency.

Parent's Commitment

Parents will:

- Reinforce the School-wide Discipline Plan
- Communicate high behavioral expectations to their child
- Commit to follow through to the success of their child's behavior
- Take an interest in personal goals, achievements and needs of their child
- Support the students in their academic and extracurricular activities.

Student's Commitment

Students will:

- Follow the School-wide Discipline Plan
- Maintain high behavioral expectations
- Accept responsibility for your behavior
- Set personal goals and work hard to achieve them

Behavioral Expectations

The following chart explains Al Ihsan School’s Behavioral Expectations. At the beginning of the year students will be explicitly taught these expectations. Our expectations will be reinforced throughout the year. Our goal is through these easy-to-follow expectations a positive learning atmosphere will be established throughout the school.

	Arrival/Dismissal
S top and listen attentively	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stop, listen and follow directions when an adult speaks to you ● Quiet stairways and hallways ● Walk quietly to your destination ● Walk on the right side of the stairs during arrival/dismissal ● Be aware of your surroundings
O pen the door to making good choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Enter and exit quietly ● Walk when you enter and exit the building ● Pay attention during dismissal
A ct responsibly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be on time ● Be prepared ● Listen and follow the directions of the dismissal teachers
R espect self and others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Keep hands and feet to yourself at all times ● Use indoor voices ● Walk appropriately to and from cars/buses

	Hallway
S top and listen attentively	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stop, listen and follow directions when an adult speaks to you ● Respond immediately to “Peace and Quiet” signal ● Be aware of your surroundings ● Stay in line
O pen the door to making good choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hands by your side ● Walk silently ● Pay attention and keep the line moving
A ct responsibly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Proceed directly to destination ● Remain with your teacher at all times ● Report any problems or inappropriate behavior to an adult
R espect self and others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Keep hands and feet to yourself at all times ● Keep silent in the hall at all times

	Classroom
S top and listen attentively	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stop, listen and follow directions when an adult speaks to you ● Respond immediately to “Peace and Quiet” signal
O pen the door to making good choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Raise hand and wait to be acknowledged before speaking ● Do your best ● Treat others the way you want to be treated ● Participate in class
A ct responsibly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be on time ● Be prepared ● Complete assignments in school and at home ● Remain on task in the classroom
R espect self and others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Respond kindly and appropriately with peers ● Follow school and classroom rules ● Keep hands and feet to self ● Be patient and wait your turn ● Clean up after yourself

	Bathroom
S top and listen attentively	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stop, listen and follow directions when an adult speaks to you ● Respond immediately to “Peace and Quiet” signal
O pen the door to making good choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Report any inappropriate behavior ● Use inside voices ● Use restroom time wisely ● Enter restroom quietly ● Exit restroom quietly
A ct responsibly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clean up after yourself ● Flush toilet ● Wash your hands with soap and water ● Place paper in trash
R espect self and others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Give others privacy ● Wait patiently for your turn ● Keep your hands and feet to yourself at all times ● Be considerate of others in the restroom

	Playground
S top and listen attentively	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stop, listen and follow directions when an adult speaks to you ● STOP when the whistle blows
O pen the door to making good choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Play only in designated areas (stay away from dumpster, rocks, wall and fence line) ● Be polite at all times ● Be honest
A ct responsibly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use appropriate language ● Report any bullying or inappropriate behavior to an adult
R espect self and others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Keep hands and feet to yourself at all times ● Play kindly and appropriately with others

	Indoor Recess
S top and listen attentively	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stop, listen and follow directions when an adult speaks to you ● Respond immediately to “Peace and Quiet” signal ● Clean up your play area when the bell rings
O pen the door to making good choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Choose your play area wisely ● Stay in your chosen play area ● Be polite at all times ● Be honest
A ct responsibly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use indoor voices ● Use appropriate language ● Report any bullying or inappropriate behavior to an adult
R espect self and others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Keep hands and feet to yourself at all times ● Play kindly and appropriately with others

	Lunchroom
S top and listen attentively	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Enter lunchroom quietly ● Stop, listen and follow directions when an adult speaks to you ● Respond immediately to “Peace and Quiet” signal ● Choose hot lunch quickly and progress through line
O pen the door to making good choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ask teacher for utensils if needed ● Remain at assigned table ● Refrain from playing with food and other items ● Use hand sanitizer to clean hands before getting lunch
A ct responsibly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stay in single file when walking in the lunchroom ● Stop talking when all the classes have entered the cafeteria ● Stop talking when preparing for dismissal from cafeteria ● Clean around your sitting area and on the floor
R espect self and others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use good manners while eating ● Eat only your food; do not share your food ● Respect others and their space at the table

	Assemblies/Field Trips
S top and listen attentively	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stop, listen and follow directions when an adult speaks to you ● Respond immediately to “Peace and Quiet” signal
O pen the door to making good choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Enter and exit quietly ● Remain with your teacher and class/group ● Do your best
A ct responsibly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Follow school and classroom rules ● Obey staff members on bus and at destination ● Represent your school in a positive manner ● Ask appropriate questions
R espect self and others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Respect all adults ● Be patient and wait your turn ● Respect materials and property

	Salah
S top and listen attentively	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stop, listen and follow directions when an adult speaks to you ● Respond immediately to “Peace and Quiet” signal
O pen the door to making good choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Enter and exit quietly ● Line up for salah quickly, and quietly
A ct responsibly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Follow school and classroom rules ● Obey adults in masjid ● Represent your school in a positive manner
R espect self and others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Respect all adults ● Make your salah with concentration (Khushuu’) ● Respect the masjid

Defining Unacceptable Behaviors

There are two levels of behaviors: minor and major. Minor behaviors will be addressed and handled by teachers. Major behaviors will be referred to the office to be handled by the disciplinary committee.

The following table defines minor and major behavior concerns.

****Major and minor offenses are determined on age and developmental appropriateness of the child.****

Behavior	3 Minor = Detention	Major = Detention
Deface	Any non-offensive mark made on school property that is able to be fixed, cleaned, or repaired.	Any mark deemed vulgar or inappropriate that can be fixed, cleaned, or repaired.
Disrespect toward a peer	Mildly rude interactions with a peer or peers that may cause a slight upset.	Rude and deliberate interactions or arguing with a peer or peers that is offensive to the peer/peers.
Disrespect toward a staff member/adult.	Mildly rude interactions with a staff member/adult that may cause a slight upset.	Rude and deliberate interactions or arguing with a staff member/adult that is offensive to the staff member/adult.
Endangering	Any behavior that puts the safety of others at risk.	Minor injury to others.
Field Trips	All school rules apply during field trips.	Continued misbehavior (3 or more warnings) during a field trip will result in a next-day detention and loss of field trip privileges.
Inappropriate Behavior	Slight disruption that hinders the learning of others.	Continued or physical disruption that hinders the learning of others.
Inappropriate Language	Profanity exclaimed, not intended at an individual.	Continuous swearing, offensive gestures or comments directed at an individual
Insubordination	Failure to follow directions in a reasonable amount of time.	Continued refusal to follow direction or arguing with an adult.
Salah	Coming late to salah. Not prepared to pray.	Disrupting others prayers and concentration. Disrespecting the masjid.
Wandering	Wandering the classroom.	Leaving an area without permission.

Immediate Suspension	Immediate Expulsion
Possession of toy that looks like a weapon	Causing severe harm to any living being while on school property or participating in any school-sponsored events
Inappropriate touching	Possession of a weapon
Vulgarity/Profanity directed at another student/staff member/adult (name-calling)	Intent to harm another (writing violent words/thoughts/drawings/plans)
Verbal or physical fighting	
Destruction/damage to school property that cannot be cleaned, fixed, or repaired	Destruction/damage to school property that cannot be cleaned, fixed, or repaired that is deemed vulgar or profane
Going off school premises during school hours without permission	
Inappropriate use of electronic devices	

Consequences for Minor and Major Incidents

3-Strike Policy

When students do not follow the outlined school-wide discipline plan they will receive consequences based on the discipline policy.

- 3 minor offenses = 1 detention on the 4th offense
- 1 major offense = immediate detention (lunch and recess – 40 minutes)
- 3 detentions in 1 quarter = suspension on the 4th detention
- 3 suspensions in 1 semester (half-year) = expulsion on the 4th suspension
- Any inexcusable offense (see list) = immediate expulsion

Minor behavioral issues will be handled by the teacher (classroom, Arabic, Quran, gym, recess, lunch, etc.). Three minor offenses will lead to a detention. The following is a sampling of the consequences teachers may use after warning the student repeatedly:

- Redirection
- Removal to a “time out” area within the classroom
- Conference with student
- Note to parent
- Phone call to parent

Major offenses will automatically be given a full detention. After 3 detentions or major offenses, the student may be referred to a disciplinary committee on the fourth detention or major offense, in addition to suspension (see above). The following is a sampling of the consequences administrators may use:

- Natural consequence (clean desk that student wrote on, letter of apology, etc.)
- Parent phone call
- Referral to administration to develop a behavior improvement plan

Positive Support System

This component of the school-wide discipline plan is to recognize students for meeting school behavioral expectations. Four incentive programs will be in place to acknowledge students who meet our expectations. The incentive programs are:

Perfect Attendance

At the end of each quarter, all students with perfect attendance for that month will have their name submitted for a drawing. They will receive a certificate and a book of their choice. At the end of the year, students who have had perfect attendance for the entire year will enjoy an ice cream party.

Star Student Celebrations

Our goal is that all students follow school-wide behavior expectations. When we observe them being safe, treating others with kindness, trying their best and being respectful, we acknowledge them by giving positive verbal feedback and a ‘punch’ on their star card.

At the end of each quarter, students who have earned all their stars will be invited to participate in an activity (Popcorn and a movie, game hour, extra gym, recess and crafts).

Notice of Receipt of School-wide Discipline Plan

The School-wide Discipline Plan has been written so that students and family members know what behavior is expected. It is helpful when parents are aware of school rules so they can help support our school from home. Please sit down and talk about these rules with your child(ren).

Failure to return this notice of receipt will not relieve students or parents from the responsibility for knowledge of the Al Ihsan School-wide Discipline Plan.

I have read the Al Ihsan School-wide Discipline Plan and discussed with my family.

I understand my child is responsible for abiding by the Al Ihsan School Department Code of Student Conduct as well as the Al Ihsan School-wide Discipline Plan.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date