

Grace United Methodist Church
Sunday School Behavior Standards and Policies

Mission:

To provide the spiritual foundation upon which children, youth and adults will build a lasting relationship with God, His Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, to teach the Word of God, and to develop disciples for Christ within an environment of love, encouragement and support.

Behavior Standards:

- Students will respect all classmates and teachers at all times.
- Students will participate in all classroom activities according to the teacher's instructions.
- Students will demonstrate acceptable behavior Christian behavior, offering cooperation to teachers, acceptance of classmates, respect for church property, and appropriate reverence for God.

Behavior Improvement Procedures: (based on Matthew 18:15-17a, as stated by Jesus)

- Students will be addressed respectfully by the teacher, in a private conversation when possible, to describe the observed behavior and to explain the appropriate behavior expected in the future. (Matthew 18:15)
- Students who continue unacceptable behavior will experience the following: (Matthew 18:16)
 - o A conversation with the parents to collaborate on a behavior improvement plan. This plan may include:
 - An agreed upon expectation of the student's future behavior
 - Attendance during class of a parent or guardian until the student begins acting responsibly
 - Removal of the student from the classroom to the parent or guardian's care. (Parents/Guardians would be expected to pick up the child as soon as possible).
 - A meeting with the student, parents/guardians and the teacher to ensure behavioral improvements. Teachers and/or parents/guardians may invite one of the pastors to participate in the meeting. (Matthew 18:17)
 - Reentry into the classroom upon a written behavioral contract signed by the student and parents/guardians.
 - A student may be removed from the classroom at any time, if the student's behavior is threatening to the welfare of others (physically, relationally or emotionally). Reentry will require a meeting between the student, parents/guardians, the teacher, and one of the pastors.

Scriptural basis for Behavior Procedures: Matthew 18:15-17a

"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church."