



**Grounds and Procedure for the Suspension of Students
November 15, 2017**

It is the priority of Treeside Charter School faculty, staff, administration, and board to provide an emotionally, socially, intellectually, and physically safe learning environment and educational experience for every child.

The following outlines our procedures in defining, creating, and nurturing a safe environment:

1. All students are explicitly taught in a school-wide and classroom-based setting that any form of physical violence is not acceptable. We define this as: kicking, hitting, biting, tripping, throwing objects, scratching, etc.
2. Student are taught to keep their hands off of each other's body even when not motivated by anger (ex: poking for fun, play choking, etc.)
3. Students are taught that their hands must be kept off of each other's clothes and personal items (ex: pantsing each other, pulling on each other's shirt, getting in each other's backpacks, etc.)
4. Students are taught to be safe inside and outside of our school home. This includes: no running in the halls, no climbing fences, no climbing into the sunken garden areas, etc.
5. Specifically, students are taught to stay away from construction areas. Students have been shown these areas so there is no question of boundaries.
6. Students are taught to stay on school grounds at all times unless directed otherwise by a teacher.
7. Students are taught that unkind and foul language and gestures towards adults, peers, and others are not allowed.
8. Students are taught respect towards teachers/paraprofessionals/staff members is unacceptable. Defiance is grounds for suspension.
9. Students are taught to respect our School Home. Vandalism including marking on desks, walls, floors is unacceptable.
10. Students are taught that they must attend and participate in all scheduled speciality classes (art, music, movement, yoga, etc.) "Skipping" classes is not acceptable.

Clear rules and expectations, as well as the reasons behind those rules and expectations, are always taught to mastery. If students choose to disregard or outwardly defy Treeside's attempt to provide a safe environment for all, then the result will be a suspension from school. We have chosen this consequence in order to remove both the offenders and victims from an unsafe situation, and to teach the seriousness of the violation.

The suspension procedure has been repeatedly announced to the student body by Principal Lundgreen and is effective immediately. Behavior expectations have been taught since August 15, 2017. We are certain our students will comply with our efforts and enjoy a different and beautiful school experience. Please review these expectations with your children.

Thank you,
Principal Dena Lundgreen
Founder/Executive Director

