

November 25, 2024

**Dear North Side Community School Families,**

At North Side Community School, we work hard every day to create a safe, respectful, and welcoming place where all students can learn and grow. To support this, our school's Board of Directors approved updates to our Discipline Policy on November 19, 2024.

This updated policy helps us guide students toward making good choices, taking responsibility for their actions, and learning how to fix mistakes. Our goal is to teach students the skills they need to handle conflicts and be kind, respectful members of our school and community.

Here are some important updates to the policy:

- Clear rules to help students understand what behavior is expected.
- A focus on keeping everyone safe and respected.
- Support for students to learn from mistakes and make things right.
- Working closely with families to help students improve their behavior.

This policy also uses **restorative practices**—a way to help students think about their choices, understand how their actions affect others, and repair any harm caused. We believe these steps will help students grow into responsible and thoughtful young people.

We know that working together with families is the best way to support our students. You play an important role in helping your child understand that their actions have consequences. By working as a team, we can help every child succeed at school and in life.

You can find the updated Discipline Policy on our school website following the Thanksgiving Holiday. If you have any questions or want to talk more about the policy, please reach out to your child's principal or our school office.

Thank you for helping us make North Side Community School a place where every student can do their best.

Sincerely,  
**Dr. Douglas Thaman**  
Executive Director  
North Side Community School

