

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES



CHILD DEVELOPMENT LABORATORY BEHAVIOR CONTRACT

The child development laboratory is a unique learning opportunity for the high school student to put the principles and theories of child development into practice and to promote the development of the young child. As a student teacher in the child development laboratory, you are expected to conduct yourself in a professional manner.

Working in the laboratory is a privilege, which may be withdrawn. Unacceptable behaviors in and out of the classroom may be a factor in the loss of laboratory privileges. **In addition to school and classroom policies, it is mandatory that these rules need to be followed in the child development laboratory:**

- Report to class on time ready to immediately begin teaching or performing assigned task
- Notify the classroom teacher of an absence on teaching days
- Be on task at all times
- Respect parents, teachers, peers, visitors and children
- Be prepared with materials and plans
- Act as a positive role model for the preschool children and others
- Use equipment and materials responsibly

Most rules involve common sense and acceptable standards of good conduct. Engaging in any of the following is considered serious and **may result in disciplinary action and/or possible removal from class/program:**

- Inappropriate attire
- Use of inappropriate language and gestures
- Endangering the physical safety of others
- Unauthorized use or willful destruction of property
- Refusal to perform assigned teaching duties
- Gross carelessness or negligence
- Unauthorized removal of children from the room as well as the student leaving the classroom without the teacher's permission
- Breach of confidentiality of children or families. **This includes taking pictures/videos of preschoolers on personal devices and/or uploading them to the internet or any social media site. This will result in disciplinary action and immediate dismissal from the program.**
- Inappropriate behaviors towards children including spanking, pinching, shaking, humiliation or verbal abuse (these behaviors could also result in legal action for child abuse)

It is our hope that child development students will enjoy and appreciate this unique opportunity to interact with young children. The future of the child development laboratory is dependent upon your full cooperation and positive attitude.

A signature below indicates that you understand and agree to follow all the terms and conditions of this contract. Your participation in the preschool lab is contingent upon signing and returning this contract.

Student: _____

Date: _____

Parent: _____

Date: _____

Teacher: _____

Date: _____

Principal: _____

Date: _____

