

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Religious Education Attendance & Discipline Policy

Since classes meet for only 90 minutes a week, and the time for faith sharing is precious, we need to keep the following in mind in order to allow the classes to run smoothly:

- Please make sure your child(ren) arrive **on time** for class, with books and assignments. Lost books can be replaced at cost.
- Please make sure that children have a snack before class on Tuesdays and have breakfast before class on Saturday. Eating in the classrooms is discouraged.
- Because attendance at our sessions is part of the whole process, those children who miss too many classes may need to repeat the year. Not only is information obtained in class, but community and trust is built among catechists and learners. Time is needed to assimilate and understand the spirit of the Gospel. This cannot be effective if the children are not present regularly. Unless other arrangements are made, **children missing more than 4 of the class sessions will be asked to repeat the year.**
- If your child is absent from class, please call the office. The catechist will be notified. Please contact the catechist during the following week to arrange to make up any missed work. In general, catechists cover a chapter in the book each week. At the very least, parents should help their child complete the next chapter in the text before returning to class.
- Late arrivals and early dismissals are disruptive and not allowed. If an early dismissal is unavoidable, a parent note must be sent with your child explaining the reason.

Discipline Policy:

Our goal is to teach the young people "self-discipline". It is interesting to note the similarity between the words "discipline" and "disciple" (follower of Christ). At the beginning of each year, each catechist and class establish their own set of "Rules for Caring and Sharing," which will help the group be respectful of one another, the catechist, and the classroom they are "borrowing" for their sessions. Children are expected to follow these rules each week. The natural consequence of continued disregarding these rules will be removal from the classroom.

- Parents of children who are overly disruptive will be notified. If there is no change in behavior, after consultation with parents and staff, the child may be removed from the classroom.