**Discipline Policy**

**The New School, Inc. (TNS) adheres to the Montessori method of education and discipline. We use positive and creative methods of discipline that are appropriate to the age and development level of the child. We also take into consideration the family situation as best we understand it.**

* **Discipline will only be used in the case of a child breaking an established rule previously outlined for him or her.**
* **Discipline will be appropriate to the problem.**
* **Discipline will be intended to help the child internalize the rule.**
* **Discipline will be positive and will never be intended to lower a child’s self-esteem.**
* **Discipline will never involve food or drink.**
* **Discipline will never be physical.**
* **In the case of a continued disciplinary problem, the format outlined in TNS’s parent handbook (under “Solving Problems”) will go into effect.**

**The state of North Carolina requires that all centers distribute a discipline policy statement to all families who have children enrolled at the center. Parents must acknowledge that they have received this statement by signing and returning the form below. This form must be on file for your child to attend the school. Please sign and return this form as soon as possible.**

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**This state attests that I have received and understand the Discipline Policy set forth by TNS, Inc.**

**Child’s Name**

**Parent Signature/Date Parent Signature/Date**