



Missions of Hope International

Best Principles of Classroom Discipline

Principles of Discipline*

- Adults will use a **language of respect** with students.
- The **use of consequences** will replace punishment as the dominant form of student discipline.
- **Expectations** for student behavior will be systematically taught for all students and clearly posted in the school.
- Teachers will develop a system to **recognize** students, over a course of a year, who follow expectations.
- Students whose conduct fails to meet expectations will receive **consequences** as appropriate.
- Students whose conduct seriously and repeatedly **disrupts** students learning or seriously and repeatedly threatens the safety of other students may be removed from school.

** Note: These principles have been derived with the help of the lead teachers of Missions of Hope.*

Discipline Practices**

The following discipline practices are to be encouraged for the use by all staff.

Using “can-do” messages.
Using a quiet voice.
Using enforceable statements
Giving choices appropriately
Using magic questions with students when discussing behavioral issues
Helping to determine appropriate consequences
Helping students solve their own problems
Use strategies to avoid power struggles with students.

***Note: These practices are from the Love and Logic material.
Each teacher has a laminated card summarizing these Love and Logic practices.*