

# Discipline Policies

The following list of attitudes and actions are areas that will merit disciplinary procedures using the matrix attached. This list is NOT exhaustive. We reserve the right to look at the child's heart and change the discipline accordingly.

We expect the concept of 'first time obedience' to be honored and carried out by each student. There is no need for a directive to be repeated. Obedience should be immediate, complete, and without challenge or complaint.

Ephesians 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

Ephesians 6: 4 And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger; but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

**1. Inappropriate Communication** – this includes talking back to the teacher, arguing, lewd comments, insensitive remarks or comments, talking out in class without permission, name calling whether in jest or because of a wrongful attitude (anger, hurt feelings, etc). Any type of communication that, in the teacher's opinion causes disruption in the classroom is considered inappropriate. **Cyber-bullying (any communication via the internet or texting that is bullying, derogatory, or threatening) will also be subject to school discipline.** In keeping with the school's responsibility to provide a safe learning environment for all students, NHCA has established the following policy regarding the issue of "sexting." *Sexting* is the act of sending, receiving, or forwarding sexually explicit or suggestive messages, photos, or images via cell phone, computer, or other digital device. Students engaged in such activities are subject to state laws and school discipline. The school considers sending, sharing, possessing, or even viewing pictures, text messages, or emails that contain a sexual message or image a violation of this policy, a violation that will result in school discipline, up to and including expulsion, and in the notification of local law enforcement. Students are required to immediately report any such activities to a teacher or a school administrator.

## Scriptural Guidelines:

Proverbs 26:18-19 Like a madman who throws Firebrands, arrows and death,  
So is the man who deceives his neighbor, And says, "Was I not joking?"

Colossians 3:8 But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and **abusive speech** from your mouth.

Abusive - shameful:-- disgraceful, improper, sordid.

Colossians 4:6 Let your **speech** always be with grace, seasoned, as it were, with salt, so that you may know how you should respond to each person.

I Timothy 4:12 Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather **in speech**, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.

**2. Inappropriate Dress/Uniform** – The dress code at New Hope Christian Academy **REQUIRES** that proper uniform be worn **EACH** day, unless permission is granted from the school staff. Proper uniform means that:

- a. Appropriate athletic or dress shoes, no open toes or open heels.
- b. Any belt in good taste. (no inappropriate pictures or symbols)
- c. Shirt is always tucked in
- d. Pants are to fit without hanging on or below the hips.