

Resurrection Parish Religious Education Policies

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1) GENERAL:

- a. Policies of the Diocese of St. Augustine, as applicable, will apply¹
- b. “Resurrection Parish Religious Education Student Guidelines” are part of these policies.
- c. Class schedules/calendar, information and updates are posted in the Bulletin and on the “Formation” section of the parish website: www.respar.net. Notices are also sent out with children.

2) PARENTS:

- a. Except when specifically noted otherwise, class times are on Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in the Old School Building and/or the Mr. Skipper Center.
- b. Children will be signed in and out by parent or guardian.
- c. Students who have parental permission to walk/bike to Religious Education classes will notify the Director and give their child written permission.
- d. Please be courteous to the volunteers who give of their time and pick your children up at 10:45.
- e. Parents who wish to audit a class, may do so, but Diocesan policy for protecting children limits the circumstances. Contact the Director of Religious Education

3) TOUCHING SAFETY PROGRAM:

- a. Required to be offered, but not required to be attended
- b. Parents have option to have their child not attend, i.e., to “opt-out”. This must be in writing.
- c. Information and forms will be mailed in advance to the address on file. provided in advance

4) VOLUNTEERS:

- a. All Volunteers must comply with diocesan policies regarding volunteers before beginning volunteer functions.

5) ATTENDANCE:

- a. Diocesan policy is that children may not miss more than five (5) hours of religious education classes per year. The limit is two (2) hours for those in the sacramental year. Children may not miss the immediate sacramental preparation activities¹.
- b. Excused absences include those absences due to a child’s illness, death in the family, family crisis. Parent/Guardian must provide a written note specifying the reason.
- c. Children who miss class will be assigned make-up work by their catechists. Completion of this make-up work is required.
- d. Children who have excessive absences may not be promoted to the next catechetical grade or may have their sacraments delayed.
- e. We will contact the parents/guardians of children who have missed two consecutive classes.

6) HOME SCHOOL:

- a. Only children who are home-schooled for academic subjects can be home-schooled for Religious Education.
- b. Home-Schooled Students, and parents as it applies, must attend immediate Sacramental preparation events, e.g., retreats, rehearsals, parent meetings, etc. with their peers.

¹ “Diocese of St. Augustine Parish Religious Education Policies” February 7, 2011.

7) SACRAMENTS/RCIA:

- a. Children who are to receive sacraments in a given academic year within the Diocese of St. Augustine, are expected to have completed two years of “Documented remote preparation”² this will apply to those children who are in RCIA. For these children, the first year will consist of attending a class of their peers, or in the case of students in 2nd grade and 8th grade, 1st or 7th grade.

8) ALCOHOL/DRUG POLICY:

- a. There is zero tolerance for alcohol or illegal drug use. Children who abuse this rule will be dismissed.
- b. Children who require medication during class time: Parents of those children must notify the director regarding the requirements. Generally, because the classes are short, it is recommended that any prescription medications be given by parents/guardians before or after classes.

9) VIOLENCE/WEAPONS:

- a. There is a zero tolerance for any violent action or any action that may be considered violent. The student(s) involved will be immediately dismissed.
- b. NO weapons of any kind or anything that could be construed as a real weapon are permitted. The student(s) involved will be immediately dismissed.

10) READMISSION:

- a. A meeting between the parents/guardians of any student dismissed will be the first step in possibly readmitting a dismissed student to class. This meeting will discuss the situation and determine the next step, if applicable, in the readmission path.

Sincerely yours in Christ

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² “Sacramental Policies for the Reception of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation by School Aged Children in the Diocese of St. Augustine” January 22, 2010