



**GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CHILD DEVELOPMENT LABORATORY SCHOOL**

BITING POLICY

Name of Child _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

For infants and toddlers, biting is a normal developmental behavior. However, because biting is a health issue, the CDC will take the following steps to ensure the prevention and reduction of biting cases:

If a child bites another child more than twice in one week, or forms a pattern of biting over a course of 3 weeks, the following steps will be taken:

1. A daily record of who/when/where/ and why the biting occurred, will be kept for a two week period. An "Ouch" report will be filed in the child's file and a copy given to the parents of the "bitee."
2. The classroom team will set age appropriate goals with the child. Parents of the "biter" and "bitee" will be notified of what is being done to rectify the problem.
3. Within the two week documentation period, a staff member or student will be assigned to the "biter" as a "shadow" during the peak periods of frustration, to help in problem solving and prevention.
4. If biting persists during the documentation period, the parents of the biter and the Master Teacher will meet for a conference to discuss possible solutions and establish a written action plan.
5. If after 4 weeks from the initial documentation (step 1), the biter continues to bite, the administration and classroom team may conclude that the child is not ready for group care. The administration reserves the right to suspend or terminate the child from the program on a case-by-case basis, to ensure the health and safety of all children involved.

I have read the foregoing Biting Policy. I hereby certify that I understand and agree to it.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/guardian signature is mandatory on this form for the child's enrollment in the Center.