

At SteppingStone, we value each student's unique personality, opinions, and ideas. We strive to make our classroom welcoming and comfortable for all. Students play a crucial role in creating a safe and welcoming classroom space. To that end, we believe each student is responsible for their own actions, what they say and how they treat others.

SteppingStone Theatre has a policy in place for behavioral concerns, including disruptive or inappropriate behavior during workshops, classes, and camps. Teaching Artists will communicate with students their classroom expectations. When these expectations are not met, SteppingStone uses three general guidelines to address the concern:

STEP 1 – In-class break from activities and conversation about behavior with Teaching Artist

STEP 2 – Out-of-class break and conversation with Education Coordinator or Classroom Assistant

STEP 3 – Phone call to Parent/Guardian to discuss behavior or incident and set up an action plan

If incidents persist, or if the student is behaving in an extreme manor (ex: verbally/physically threatening violence or committing acts with malicious intent), the student's continued participation in class will be addressed. This discussion could lead to the student being dismissed for the day or all subsequent classes. We will make every reasonable effort to work with our parents and students to ensure the success of all participating in our programs.

If your student requires extra assistance or needs their own Behavior Plan, please contact **Erin Granger**, Manager of Youth & Family Programs. We are familiar with IEPs and similar plans. We are willing to discuss options and make reasonable accommodations to aid in your student's success. Please provide relevant information about your student before the start of class, if you feel it will be beneficial to the success of your student and their teacher.

We strive for our classes to be a positive experience for students. Each student should be respectful and feel respected, comfortable, and safe working as a team in class. We appreciate your support and partnership in this endeavor.

Please contact Erin Granger, Manager of Youth & Family Programs, at 651-225-9265.