

## WEST STREET CHILD CARE LEARNING CENTER, INC.

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### Child Care Media Use Policy

We have adopted the following policies on media use for our facility. The administration and staff appreciate support from the parents in promoting the health of our children by limiting the use of media both at home and at child care. In addition, we have policies that support and promote active play for the children in our care.

#### Television and Video Use

- Televisions are located out of sight of the children for occasional use only.
- Television or video viewing occurs 30 minutes per week or less.
- When television/video viewing occurs, we show only commercial-free, age-appropriate, educational programming that integrates with the curriculum.
- We do not allow television/video viewing during meals or snack time.
- We do not use television/video viewing as a reward.
- We do not allow television/video viewing prior to or during nap/bed time.
- When television/video viewing occurs staff are active participants and do not use it as a babysitter.

#### Computer and Video Game Use

- Computers are available to children during a set time of day only, not at all times.
- Computer time per child is limited to less than 20 minutes per day.
- We use only age appropriate computer software that encourages creativity and extends classroom activities.
- Children do not have access to the Internet.
- We do not allow the children to play video games (via a gaming console or handheld).
- Computer time is always supervised and facilitated by staff.

