

MISSION STATEMENT

Montessori Day Schools is committed to the development of the whole child by implementing curriculum and methodology based on the Montessori philosophy of education and human development, and by partnering with parents – children's first teachers – in this endeavor.

In the interests of fulfilling our mission and actuating the amazing potential of each child, the following School-Parent-Student compact has been developed. Please read it completely and carefully, with your child, and sign to indicate your agreement. Teaming together, we will support our students to become the best that they can be.

SCHOOL – PARENT – STUDENT COMPACT

School Responsibilities

1. To provide a safe, nurturing, drug-free learning environment, with classroom communities well-furnished with Montessori materials
2. To provide a teaching staff educated in Montessori philosophy and methodology, appropriate to the age level they are teaching, with the commitment and ability to implement its core principles and to model peaceful, proactive behavior
3. To partner with parents, understanding they are their child's first and most important teachers. To do this as effectively as possible, school staff will
 - Appreciate the uniqueness of each child and family
 - Respect the cultural and personal differences of all community members
 - Facilitate ongoing communication with the home
 - Solicit solutions with parents and students to the greatest extent possible
 - Solicit needed and appropriate parent involvement in school and classroom activities
 - Provide continuing parent and staff development opportunities
4. To strive always for more effective implementation of Montessori philosophy, incorporating peer problem solving, peace and character education, and strong academic goals

Student Responsibilities

1. To attend school regularly and be on time
2. To come to school prepared with homework and necessary personal supplies
3. To come to school well-rested, having eaten a nutritious breakfast, and ready to focus on learning
4. To accept responsibility for my own actions
5. To respect cultural and personal differences of others
6. To respect and care for myself, other living things, the environment, the earth
7. To resolve problems in peaceful ways
8. To be independent, helpful and self-disciplined in my learning and behavior

Parent Responsibilities

1. To assure my child attends school regularly, and arrives at school calm and ready to learn by
 - having had an adequate night’s sleep and eaten a nourishing breakfast
 - having had **no** morning TV or other screen time (e.g., computer)
 - arriving with their own nutritious lunch and snack (as appropriate)
 - bringing all required and completed homework
 - wearing appropriate clothing, according to MDS’ Dress Code/Uniform Policy
 - being ready to enter the classroom by 8:30
 - having necessary personal supplies
2. To follow the policies set forth in the Parent Handbook and to support staff recommendations
3. To learn about my child’s education by attending parent education events, parent-teacher conferences and community functions; and by reading about Montessori education and asking questions
4. To support my child’s learning by communicating regularly with school staff, by spending quality time daily with my child, by supporting my child to complete all homework assignments
5. To work pro-actively with the staff, and/or with my child, when there are problems; to question rather than criticize; to refrain from gossip; to model respect for all; to help my child resolve conflicts in a peaceful way
6. To volunteer in an area of school need, aiming for a minimum of 4 hours/month, or to provide other support to the school

Parent’s signature/s

Date

Student’s signature

Date

School Administrator’s signature

Date

Additional Student/s’ signature/s:

Date
