



## Amelia Island Montessori School Partnership Agreement

Amelia Island Montessori enrolls families, not just students. Parents, guardians, grandparents, and all other family members play an integral role in each student's educational experience. The purpose of this agreement is to clarify expectations upon which we can agree. It does not mean that there will not be problems. It does mean that we will work together. No school can succeed in fulfilling its mission unless parents share that commitment.

### *What can parents reasonably expect from the school?*

- A commitment to the multi-dimensional development of your child. Cognitive development and a solid academic foundation are important, yet they represent only one dimension of our aspirations for your child. Equally significant is your child's social, emotional, spiritual, and physical development. Children are given choices and great deal of freedom-within-limits during the school day. The choices your child makes, and the accompanying responsibilities, influence the emerging character of your child.
- Every child will be treated with dignity and respect and be expected to treat all others with the same respect. Students will have a clear sense of responsibility to themselves, others, and to the community as a whole.
- Open, honest, timely, and respectful communication about your child and items affecting the school community. Parent-teacher conferences, newsletters, phone, email will be utilized on a regular basis. Our parent handbook and website provide a wealth of information about our school.
- Teachers are professional, well-trained educators who will utilize observation and confidentiality. Our teachers will always offer their current best understanding of your child's progress, strength and needs. They will demonstrate high standards for themselves and their students.
- The environment is physically and emotionally safe and supportive, as well as aesthetically beautiful. Learning materials will correspond to the developmental characteristics of the child at each level. The buildings and grounds will be physically safe, secure and well-maintained.
- Administrators will act with a sense of integrity, a focus on the needs of the individual child within the whole school community and a commitment to the peace, well-being, and success of the children and families of the school.

### *What does the school expect from parents?*

- For parents to create consistency between home and school by making continuing efforts to understand and embrace Montessori philosophy and partner with the school in the education of your child.
- We need parents to contribute to a positive school community by demonstrating respect for all adults, children, the school and it's programs. Look for ways to make a positive contribution to the life of the school. Through your behavior, you contribute to your child's moral development and to the culture and climate of the school, which they experience on a daily basis.
- Please maintain active, direct and respectful two-way communication with the school. Read communications and inform the school of pertinent changes in your child's life. Active communication involves parents sharing observations and concerns. In matters large and small, please remember the principle of respect: even in disagreement, disagree respectfully.
- For parents to volunteer and contribute within the goals and objectives of Team AIMS parent group. ([teamAIMS@ameliaislandmontessori.com](mailto:teamAIMS@ameliaislandmontessori.com))

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Parent Signature      date

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Head of School      date