

Family School Compact SY 2021-2022

Tremont Montessori School, students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, agree that this compact outline how the family, the entire school staff and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement as well as describe how the school and families will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the State's high standards.

School Goals

Tremont Montessori strives to be an exemplary public Montessori School. Montessori education is grounded in the belief that all children have dignity and intrinsic curiosity; that the hand is the instrument of the intelligence; and that peace and nonviolent conflict resolution are essential for any learning community. In partnership with students, staff, parents, and the community, Tremont Montessori will follow the Montessori philosophy, materials, and curriculum together with the state standards to prepare each child for academic excellence, promote social responsibility and stimulate lifelong learning.

Teachers, Families, Students – Together for Success

We believe participation and partnerships between families and educators is fundamental to a child's success in school. School staff and families will work together to help students achieve their potential at Tremont.

In the Classroom/School

- Learn about what makes the Montessori method unique: Attend workshops developed to educate you about important traits of Montessori education like the five essential components of a Montessori classroom; the Montessori Protocol for conducting classroom observations; Peace in Montessori; and an introduction to Montessori materials.
- **Stay involved**: Attend parent-teacher conferences, open houses and family events.
- Join the Parent Advisory Council (PAC). The PAC provides constructive feedback to and dialog between parents and school leadership and assists in the coordination of parent volunteers for schoolwide events, classroom activities, field trips, and other Montessori volunteer work Tremont.
- Share your talents! Whether at a Family Night event or helping with a community service drive, volunteer to do what you can.
- Serve as a Montessori ambassador for current and new Montessori families in order to help them understand and successfully support the values and methods unique to Montessori education.
- Follow Montessori protocols and district guidelines when observing in classrooms in order to best support the work of students in a Montessori classroom.

At Home

- Monitor, support and **encourage good attendance**.
- Support your child's academic independence through Montessori extension work at home.
- Support the school's commitment to peaceful, nonviolent conflict resolution through Montessori Peace activities and encouraging nonviolent conflict resolution with classmates, family members, etc.
- Promote positive use of your child's extracurricular time by supporting active and developmentally appropriate activities.
- Encourage and support Tremont Montessori Panther PRIDE virtues, as these behavioral expectations are aligned with Montessori's philosophy and methods.
- Attend Parent/Teacher Conferences or scheduled meetings/communications with your child's teacher in support of success in a Montessori classroom and school environment.
- Stay informed about your child's education: promptly read school communication, either received from your child, mail, or electronically and respond, as appropriate.
- Keep the school informed of changes at home that might impact your child's learning. If there are number or address changes send them to the office and your child's teacher.

Students

Tremont students demonstrate the Panther PRIDE virtues of **P**erseverance, **R**espect, **I**ntegrity, **D**etermination, and **E**mpathy, in their class and the school community. Along with the academic work in class, students learn Peace Literacy skills and strive to live the Tremont Peace Pledge.