

# Starting Point Montessori

*\* A Detroit Private School \**

## **SCHOOL and FAMILY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

In choosing Starting Point Montessori School, our school and your family have formed a **partnership** with the purpose of providing the opportunities and environment for the successful development of your child, our student.

As educators, our staff acknowledges that parents are the first and foremost educators of their children. Parents, together with teachers, are responsible for ensuring that effective learning takes place. Each of us has responsibilities with this **partnership**.

### **Our School is Responsible For:**

- Presenting to you and adhering to our school's philosophy, mission, and program.
- Providing open dialogue for clarification of philosophy and program issues throughout the school year between administrators, teachers, and parents.
- Providing your child with a diverse set of Montessori materials, activities, and experiences designed to foster physical, intellectual, creative, and social independence in accordance with the standards set by the American Montessori Society.
- Providing Montessori certified teachers educated in the Montessori philosophy and methodology.
- Providing a classroom atmosphere that encourages positive social interaction, fosters cooperative learning, and emotional development.

### **Your Family is Responsible For:**

#### **ENVIRONMENT**

Providing a home environment **that supports** the development of **positive self-esteem**, learning attitudes and habits, and social and intellectual competence.

#### **SUPPORT**

Supporting, valuing, and **adhering** to the school's **philosophy** and **policies**.

#### **VOLUNTEERING**

Becoming involved. Volunteer on behalf of your child. It is **very important** to your child that you **participate** in his/her education.

We expect you to become involved in various school activities. It is critically important that your child knows that **school** and the **process of education** is as important to you as it is to the school.

There are **many** opportunities to volunteer at the school. It is required that **each** family volunteer a **minimum** of **(10) ten hours** throughout the school year. We will be **contacting** you to **register your involvement**.

#### **PARENT EDUCATION**

Become familiar with the Montessori philosophy. It is important that you understand the basic principles of Montessori education and the aims of the Montessori classroom, so you have a good understanding of when your child is making progress at school.

Attending parent education functions sponsored by the school. At the beginning of each school year, the school holds a parent orientation for families. In addition, we sponsor **Parent Education Nights** throughout the school year to help families better understand the Montessori philosophy and some class projects. Please plan on attending.

**PARENT KNOWLEDGE**

Become informed. Keep abreast of current activities by reading the **newsletter, The Editor**, which is published monthly, and by **reading** the various communication that are sent home or arrive email. Additionally, please post the school calendar and be aware of important dates.

**PARENT COMMUNICATION**

Communicate with the school. Please feel free to ask the teacher about any changes in your child's attitude, progress or behavior. Likewise, we would appreciate knowing if there are any particularly upsetting or disturbing concerns at home that may affect your child's progress in school.

We can adjust expectations and schedules accordingly if we are apprised of such circumstances. Our goal is the total development of your child. This can be obtained through effective and continuing cooperation, as well as, communication between school and home.

**REQUESTED INFORMATION**

Providing accurate and timely information. Please continue to update all school forms, in particular the **EMERGENCY CARD**, with valid updated telephone numbers and permitted "**authorized PICK UP**" persons. It is also important for the school to be informed of any changes within the family structure.

**TUITION / FEES**

The registration fee of \$100 is due at the time of enrollment. It is non-refundable. Tuition is based on the academic year **September to June**. No tuition adjustment can be made for holidays, emergency days, snow days, vacation days, lack of utilities or severe weather days.

Paying tuition and fees in a timely fashion. Starting Point Montessori School is supported exclusively by tuition, fees, and private contributions. We would be unable to meet payroll and other monthly financial obligations if families fell behind. We want to remain strong in today's economy, strong enough to continue providing your children with quality Montessori education.

***Our staff takes great pride in fulfilling their responsibilities to our students and school families and we realize that SPM plays a vital role in your child's development. We rely on your support as assistance so that, together, we can provide a complete effort in helping your child grow and learn to their fullest potential.***

I have read the **School and Family Partnership Agreement** and agree to the guidelines as set forth.

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent and/or Guardian Signature*

**Office Personnel Only:**

Student Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Personnel Initials & Date of Copy to Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_