

# DMHS Commitment to Excellence

**At Denver Montessori Jr/Sr High (DMHS), our culture is based on the three R's of Montessori:**

- Respect for ourselves
- Respect for each other
- Respect for the environment

This commitment supports DMHS' mission and values and is designed to build integrity, trust and respect among members of our school community.

We sign on voluntarily because we believe that a partnership between parents and educators is critical to creating the best possible education and environment for our student(s).

## Educator commitment

**I fully commit to Denver Montessori Jr/Sr High in the following ways:**

- We will come to class prepared to help students thrive by providing a rigorous, innovative, interesting curriculum designed to engage students to produce optimal academic achievement as well as social and emotional maturity and well-being.
- We will combine Montessori best practices with current research on adolescent brain development to provide a learning environment that promotes high achievement for each student while also supporting them socially and emotionally.
- We will prepare graduates, regardless of ethnicity or income status, for college or a career.
- We will help students gain the ability to demonstrate ingenuity, adaptability, creativity, initiative, and excellent communication and problem-solving skills.
- We will hold all of our students, parents, fellow staff members and ourselves to DMHS' high expectations.
- We will make ourselves available to the questions, concerns or suggestions.
- We will provide opportunities to parents/guardians to volunteer and participate in school activities.
- We are responsible for our own behavior and will accept responsibility for our own actions.

## Student commitment

**I fully commit to Denver Montessori Jr/Sr High in the following ways:**

- I will come to school ready, prepared with what I need for class and eager to learn.
- I will follow the school's code of conduct by being safe, responsible and respectful at all times.
- I will not take shortcuts. I will give 100% every day.
- I will ask for help when I need it both in class and outside of class.
- If I make a mistake, I will use reflection to make a better choice the next time.
- I am responsible for my own behavior and will accept responsibility for my own actions.
- I will make every effort to go on extended overnight school trips.

## Parent/guardian commitment

I fully commit to Denver Montessori Jr/Sr High in the following ways:

- We will educate ourselves on Montessori education by attending parent education nights or doing research on our own.
- We will make sure our student attends school at least 95% of the school days and arrives at school on time, prepared with what is needed for class and eager to learn.
- We will attend DMHS Family Conferences two times per year.
- We will insure our student attends, and we will have at least one family member attend all three Presentations of Learning (Junior High School) or the two Showcases (High School).
- We will volunteer at least 8 hours per year per family for school community. Volunteering could include the Back to School Workday, help driving with field trips, chaperoning at after school events, summer care of the chickens and farm, office work, etc. We have signed up for one of the 230 Ways To Volunteer Campaign.
- We will review our student's portfolio (junior high school) or Parent Portal (high school) every week and make time and space at home for our student to complete any work that is due but not yet turned in.
- We will make ourselves available to our students and the school to address any concerns and meet regularly with teachers to discuss student progress.
- We will commit to doing everything possible to ensure our student is able to participate in trips at the beginning and end of the school year, understanding how essential these experiences are to creating a strong and vibrant DMHS community.
- We are responsible for our student's behavior as well as for our own.
- We will read the Student Family Handbook.

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**Parent/Guardian signature/print name/date**

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**Adviser/print name/date**

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