

Middle School Constitution

We the people of the Ridgeline Montessori Middle School do ordain to create this constitution; as such, we hereby state the following values of our community:

Strive for peace

Respect other's personal belongings and space

Be responsible

Be respectful

Be helpful

Be productive

Be positive

Equality among all persons

Article 1 The Role of the School

The school is a sanctuary of learning. The word school means a space where young minds can prosper and achieve knowledge of importance with peace of mind that they are secure. Students can expect the school to be a place that is emotionally and physically safe and where learning and creativity prosper.

Article 2 Community Meeting

Community meeting is a time for every person in the classroom to check-in and share with his/her peers. Community meeting takes place every morning in the classroom. The purpose of community meeting is to have time together to solve our problems, share things that are happening in our lives and receive group lessons from the teachers. Students are responsible to take turns leading the meeting, observing behavior, and being respectful participants.

Article 3 Role of the Teachers

Teachers are instructors who guide us on our path of learning. This may also be expanded to include students who are teaching and anyone who also help us learn in other areas including: foreign language, P.E., and electives instructors. The teachers are responsible for creating an atmosphere where learning is meaningful and challenging. They are also responsible for keeping the peace in the classroom along with all the students. It is also the teacher's duty to prepare students for the real world. Students can expect teachers to give loving care and guidance and firm but not harsh discipline, be a positive role model and a trustworthy leader, and treat students with respect so they feel safe.

Article 4 Role of the Students

The students of Ridgeline Montessori Middle School are young individuals that are expected to seek and be ready for new and fresh ways of learning. We are expected to use appropriate language and volume when speaking, turn in neat, accurate, and grade appropriate work on time, and respect every person's voice and opinion. Students are responsible for being self-motivated, putting care into their work, and holding themselves completely accountable when absent from school.

Article 5 Role of the Parents

Parents are the legal guardians of any student member in the class, or any individual acting in a parenting role. Parents should expect that their student(s) will be in a safe place and will receive any assistance and/or materials they require to learn, and to have open communication with teachers concerning their student(s). Parents should be supportive and encouraging toward their students, allow their students adequate time, space and materials to study, and to assist in creating a productive learning environment by communicating with students and teachers and volunteering their time.

Article 6 Ratification and Amendment of Class Constitution

Ratification of this document will indicate that it has been accepted by the students. Each individual in the class has the right to vote. The constitution shall be ratified if 80% of class members approve of it.

An amendment is an additional right or statement that changes the constitution, and must be ratified by the class members. If an individual or group wishes to amend the constitution, the individual or group shall write it down and place it in the proposed amendment box. Proposed amendments shall be discussed during community meeting on a regular basis, and shall be adopted if ratified by 80% of class members.