

## FAQ

### **What are your values?**

Peace, kindness, cooperation, respect, and generosity. We want a welcoming and exciting environment where children thrive intellectually and build meaningful relationships.

### **Are you a religious co-op?**

No. Both religious and non-religious families are welcome and will be present.

**Are you equipped to accommodate my child with special needs?** Any child who enhances (and does not overly detract from) a positive learning environment is welcome, regardless of special needs. Name calling, complaining/negativity, aggression, chronic interruption or similar behaviors aren't acceptable and will not be tolerated. Please email with specific questions and be transparent during enrollment.

### **Do you accommodate food allergies/preferences?**

Teachers have been asked to avoid gluten, food dye and high-sugar treats if they bring food into their classrooms, or to provide a comparable alternative for kids. If other restrictions are important to families (nuts, dairy, meat etc.) we can relay that info to teachers as well. Families must include details on enrollment form if accommodations are needed. In the spirit of inclusion, *we request that participating families consider these allergies/preferences during co-op sponsored events as well.*

### **Do you prioritize medical freedom?**

Yes.

### **Do I have to sign waivers?**

Yes. Both our host location and the co-op require a waiver of liability.

### **What safety measures are in place?**

Students are dropped off by parents and checked in by parent volunteers or a member of the leadership team. Volunteer parents will be present to help with basic first aid, additional needs and minimal hall monitoring. Students will be allowed age-appropriate independence in the building. Students who are at risk of wandering must have a parent on site during classes. (Any parent is welcome to stay for any reason, and children who are coming for only 1 class must have a parent on site during class). The main door to the chapel and their offices are unlocked during their office hours. Teachers will be present with kids for classes and activities held outside. Parents/families must decide if they are comfortable with the inherent risks of this drop off program.

### **Do I need to volunteer?**

Yes. Families are expected to volunteer periodically throughout the semester in a classroom/ set up/clean up setting, *usually twice during a semester.* Parents can find a substitute volunteer OR pay \$100 for each volunteer day missed.

Participating families are invited to participate in additional volunteer opportunities as needs arise, Tax deductible donations are welcome and 100% of donations will serve the students through supplemental materials, opportunities or scholarships.