

CORE MONTESSORI TENETS @ WALDEN GREEN

FOCUS	SNAPSHOT
HOLISTIC EDUCATION	We nurture a child's cognitive intelligence, social/emotional intelligence, and physical health/well-being
GRACE & COURTESY	We give lessons which help children learn social strategies to help them be kind and compassionate members of society
PEACE EDUCATION	We create a respectful environment that promotes the development of peaceful individuals
COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS	We actively and intentionally construct knowledge together in connected, cooperative, and supportive classrooms
PREPARED ENVIRONMENTS	We design classrooms to facilitate independent learning and exploration by the child with a variety of movement and activity
CHILD-CENTERED	We allow students to guide the flow of their own learning through setting goals, keeping track of their work, and managing their own time
COSMIC EDUCATION	We give children a big picture of the universe to help them mentally organize new information and make sense of how each new idea fits into the big picture
INDIVIDUALIZED LEARNING	We maximize student growth by allowing children to progress through the curriculum at different speeds, based on their own particular needs and interests
FREEDOM WITHIN LIMITS	We provide children flexibility with the freedom to move, freedom of choice, freedom of time, freedom to communicate, and freedom to make mistakes
COLLABORATIVE LEARNING	We offer children daily educational experiences to work with others in an active, social, engaging, and non-competitive setting
MULTI-AGE CLASSROOMS	We provide classrooms with an average 3-year range (Children's House: 5-7, Lower Elementary: 7-9, Upper Elementary 9-11, Capstone Program: 11-14)
CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION	We lead children to ask questions, think for themselves, explore, investigate, and discover within a warm and safe setting
ENVIRONMENTAL CARE	We foster love for the environment and help children connect and engage with nature