



LOWCOUNTRY MONTESSORI SCHOOL BOARD JOB DESCRIPTION/EXPECTATIONS

Board member expectations for Lowcountry Montessori School include several unique considerations due to the specific educational philosophy and operational model. Here are some key expectations:

1. **Understanding Montessori Principles:** Familiarity with Montessori education, including its philosophy, methods, and curriculum, is essential to make informed decisions that align with the school's mission.
2. **Governance and Oversight:** Ensure the school operates in compliance with charter regulations and state laws, while upholding the Montessori approach in all governance decisions.
3. **Advocacy for the Montessori Method:** Promote and advocate for the Montessori approach within the community, helping to educate stakeholders about its benefits and principles.
4. **Fiscal Responsibility:** Oversee budgeting and financial planning, ensuring funds are allocated in ways that support Montessori programs and maintain the school's sustainability.
5. **Community Engagement:** Foster relationships with parents, teachers, and the broader community to gather input and support for the school's initiatives, ensuring alignment with community needs.
6. **Support for Staff Development:** Encourage ongoing professional development for guides and staff to deepen their understanding of Montessori practices and enhance their skills.
7. **Student-Centered Decision Making:** Prioritize decisions that enhance student learning and development, focusing on individualized education and holistic growth.
8. **Equity and Inclusion:** Work to ensure that all students have access to Montessori education, promoting inclusivity, justice and diversity within the school community.
9. **Continuous Improvement:** Engage in regular assessment and reflection on school performance, using data and feedback to inform strategies for growth and improvement.
10. **Collaboration:** Work collaboratively with the school leader, and fellow board members to foster a positive and effective school environment.
11. **Confidentiality:** By adhering to confidentiality guidelines, school board members help maintain the integrity of the board and the trust of the community.
12. **Attendance:** regularly attend monthly board members and events that require board participation.

These expectations help ensure that board members contribute effectively to the mission of Lowcountry Montessori School, supporting its unique educational vision and the needs of its students.