



WOODLAND STAR CHARTER SCHOOL

## School and Family Partnership Agreement

The Woodland Star Charter School is founded on the ideal that the education of children, if it is to be successful, must involve the parents and school working together. A Waldorf-inspired education is richer and deeper when parents understand the philosophical basis of the methodology and the goals towards which the education strives. WSCS wishes to create a strong partnership between home life and school through parent participation, in order to create the strength of community that supports the balanced, healthy development of human capacities and achievement in the children.

*WSCS requests all families to understand that enrollment in WSCS signifies a **choice** to participate in a specific approach to education. Families thereby agree to work together with the school, by bringing the curriculum and values of the school into life at home.*

The partners agree to the following:

### **The School Will:**

- ✓ Provide a safe and positive learning environment.
- ✓ Offer a quality Waldorf-inspired program in a public school setting.
- ✓ Maintain regular ongoing communication with parents through a weekly and periodic in-depth school newsletter.
- ✓ Inform parents of the progress of the class through frequent letters from the teacher and regular parents meetings. Through these letters and meetings, the parent community will be informed and encouraged to be actively involved in their children's education.
- ✓ Provide time for two parent/teacher conferences per child per year.
- ✓ Involve teachers in professional development and mentoring when necessary.
- ✓ Resolve conflicts by following the redress policy as described in the Parent Handbook.
- ✓ Provide opportunities for parent education throughout the year.
- ✓ Provide an online parent-school communication for all communications between school and home, Parent Square.

### **The Family Will:**

- ✓ Provide a rhythmic, quiet and safe home life with early bedtime, healthy foods, and warm layers of clothing when the weather is cold.
- ✓ Ensure children are dressed in compliance with the dress code as articulated in the Parent Handbook.
- ✓ Assume responsibility for the values, attitudes, and behavior of their children.
- ✓ Attend a presentation of an overview of Waldorf-methods education if you are a new family.
- ✓ Learn about Waldorf education and support the school's educational philosophy at home by deepening their knowledge of the curriculum.
- ✓ Work towards the elimination of the young child's exposure to all electronic media (TV, movies, video games, smart devices, cell phones, and computers).

- ✓ Read the Parent Handbook.
- ✓ Be responsible for child's attending school regularly and being on time.
- ✓ Read and respond to all school communications (Parent Square) in a timely manner.
- ✓ Ensure that the child abides by the school rules of behavior and dress.
- ✓ Attend scheduled class parent meetings and conferences throughout the year.
- ✓ Participate in school fundraising activities and, as much as is financially possible contribute to the Family Giving Program and Class Budget donations.
- ✓ Volunteer 5 hours a month or 50 hours per year (see attached: Ways to Volunteer).
- ✓ In addition to the above, your child's class teacher may have other specific recommendations that he/she may bring to the class.
- ✓ Attend parent education evenings.

**The following partnership agreement is made between:**

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Name of Parent / Guardian (Please Print)

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Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Signature of Administrator  
Woodland Star Charter School

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Date

### Woodland Star Charter School Verse

This is our school,  
 let peace dwell here.  
 Let the rooms be filled with contentment.  
 Let love abide here:  
 Love of one another,  
  
 Love of humankind,  
 Love of the earth,  
 And love of life itself.  
 Let us remember:  
 That as many hands build a house  
 So, many hearts make a school.