

**Trillium Charter School
Home/School Contract
2004-2005**

Trillium Charter School Mission:

Trillium Charter School is a democratically structured environment that fosters students' natural curiosity, creativity, and self-awareness. Students learn to take initiative and assume responsibility for their own learning, which supports constructive interaction with the local, regional, and global community.

The School Will:

- Teach and model a non-violent, tolerant and respectful lifestyle. Know and follow the non-violent conflict resolution process. It is the means by which conflicts should be handled by all members of the community.
- Treat parents, students and TCS community members with care and respect.
- Know and follow the TCS constitution. The Constitution outlines the rights and responsibilities that all members of the community agree to and must be followed in order for all members to achieve academic and emotional freedom.
- Create and maintain school judicial and governance structures to uphold the TCS constitution and empower students to become responsible, autonomous community members.
- Provide a Student Handbook.
- Maintain a website.
- Publish a monthly newsletter, including a calendar.
- Maintain an e-tree as a tool for communication.
- Communicate with the family directly when student's behavior and/or academic expectations are not being met.
- Build on the family's commitment to and modeling of respectful and appropriate behavior at home.
- Support individual student learning by collaborating on independent learning plans and facilitating educational choice.

The Teacher Will:

- Communicate class assignments and activities via the newsletter, website or email.
- Meet with parent/guardians upon request.
- Conduct parent/teacher/student conferences twice a year.
- Provide written student assessment twice per year.
- Visit the home of each student in the fall of each school year.

The Student Will:

- Learn and follow the rights and responsibilities as outlined in the TCS Constitution.
- Treat TCS staff, fellow students and community members with care and respect. When conflicts occur, agree to utilize the TCS non-violent conflict resolution process.
- To the best of their abilities, take responsibility for their own learning as well as the development and pursuit of their own passions.
- Request assistance from their advisor, TCS staff member, TCS community member or knowledgeable peer when they are confused or in need of support.
- Arrive on time, and prepared to all classes, meetings or required activities.
- Participate in the TCS democratic governance and educational processes by participating in any of the following: running the all school meeting, participating on the judicial committee, serving as a peer mediator, serving on the TCS Board of Directors, start and run a club, run a community service project, teach a class or extracurricular activity, etc.
- Help maintain the entire school building and grounds by participating in classroom and school-wide clean up and by committing to treating school property and materials with respect.

The Parent/Guardian Will:

- Teach and model a non-violent, tolerant and respectful lifestyle at home. Know and follow the non-violent conflict resolution process. It is the means by which conflicts should be handled by all members of the community.
- Treat teachers, students and TCS community members with care and respect.

- Know and follow the TCS constitution. The Constitution outlines the rights and responsibilities that all members of the community agree to and must be followed in order for all members to achieve academic and emotional freedom.
- Read the Student Handbook and support the policies therein.
- Know the mission and vision of the school. Support it and actively work to build it.
- See that their children are at school and on time every day.
- Call the office by 9 AM if their children will be tardy or absent.
- See that their children are provided with adequate nutrition. Send their children to school with a lunch or see that their children are registered for the free/reduced lunch program.
- Ensure that their children come to school with appropriate active clothes that can get dirty and provide protection in all weather.
- See that the school has accurate emergency and contact phone numbers, addresses and email at all times.
- Attend the Orientation night, any required all school meetings, and all scheduled conferences and meetings concerning their child. Call the school prior to attending to reschedule if not able to attend.
- Return phone calls and answer requests for meetings and conferences in a timely manner.
- Respond to school – issued surveys and questionnaires.
- Return important school documents when due.
- Proactively assure they receive all written communications/notices from the school.
- Support the community as able by volunteering, attending school events and resolving issues directly with TCS.
- Participate as a team member to support their student's success at TCS.
- Recognize that the home is the primary place for building student's understanding and embodiment of respect for themselves and others.
- Recognize that the home shares equally with the school the responsibility of teaching and modeling appropriate behavior.