



# Global Education Community Agreement



Our mission as the Global Education Program is to provide a developmental, child-centered learning environment, which engages the whole child and empowers all students to be successful, contributing members of a pluralistic global society. We strive to foster a life-long love of learning where academic rigor and the essential skills of active citizenship, innovation, creativity, curiosity, problem-solving, and collaboration and teamwork are developed as the fundamental building blocks necessary to become a productive citizen of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

\*Please read and initial each of the program tenets listed below:

## LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

I understand that my child will be placed into a multi-age setting. \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that my child will experience a balance of independent, small group (including flexible instructional groups and cooperative groups) and whole group learning. \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that my child's needs are at the center of the decision-making progress; instructional decisions are based on developmentally appropriate assessment results. \_\_\_\_\_

## CURRICULUM

I understand that my child will participate in a three-year cyclical curriculum, which may not follow the traditional curricular sequence and that learning involves hands-on, project-based, integrated and thematic learning. \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that my child will receive instruction within his/her zone of proximal development (regardless of grade level); state standards are addressed within this context. \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that my child will have access to a wide variety of relevant content and instructional materials beyond a traditional textbook. \_\_\_\_\_

## HOMEWORK

I understand that homework will not be given solely for homework's sake. Relevant homework will be given on a developmentally appropriate level and may be an opportunity to discover more, explore a new topic and/or extend prior learning. \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that homework is viewed as a tool for developing independence, organization and time management skills. \_\_\_\_\_

I recognize the need for children to play, have family time, and to get a good night of sleep as critical components in a healthy learner's lifestyle. \_\_\_\_\_

## PROGRAM LOTTERY

I understand that all classroom placements are based on a lottery system and that, as a result, my child may remain with the same cohort of classmates for seven years. \_\_\_\_\_

### CROSS-AGE LEARNING

I understand that my child will participate in a variety of cross-age learning opportunities including weekly buddy interactions, classroom activities and large events. \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that my child will be paired with a cross-age buddy and that that pairing will remain intact for the entire school year. \_\_\_\_\_

### ASSESSMENT

I understand that the cornerstone of assessment is teacher observation, student work and developmentally appropriate assessment results. \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that this is a non-graded program. Student progress is reported to parents through a variety of measures including student work samples, teacher observations, student self-reflection and developmentally appropriate formative assessments. \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that my child will participate in all district and statewide assessments and that the program views these results as just a small snapshot of my child's overall progress. \_\_\_\_\_

### PARENT PARTNERSHIP

I recognize that the Global Education Program is a seven-year program of choice. \_\_\_\_\_

I commit to volunteering in whatever ways I can. I commit to volunteering my time in the service of **ALL** of the students in the program to the extent my personal and professional life allows. \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that it is my responsibility to be actively involved in home-school communication by reading the program newsletter and classroom newsletters and emails. I understand that this information may be accessed in paper form, on the program website and via social media. \_\_\_\_\_

I recognize that a major component of the program is cross-age events. I will make every effort to ensure that my child is prepared for these events (costumes, food items, etc.) and that he/she attends these events (including nighttime activities). \_\_\_\_\_

I have reviewed and signed the Solana Beach School District's Parent Volunteer Confidentiality Agreement. \_\_\_\_\_

I/we agree with the philosophy of the Global Education Program and will support my/our child(ren)'s learning in this setting.

Parent Signature:

Printed Parent Name:

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Printed Parent Name:

Student Names:
