

# Harborlight Montessori School

Infant through Grade 8

## What Parents Value in a School and How Harborlight Delivers

*According to research conducted by ISM (Independent School Management), parents focus on ten priority factors when evaluating a school. Consider your original decision, when you chose Harborlight for your child, and validate that decision by choosing Harborlight through the eighth grade.*

### 1. Safety & security

1. Harborlight is a "**safe haven**"; our students enjoy emotional and physical safety, a strong and fair approach to discipline, and protection from bullying.

### 2. Quality academic programs

2. **Individualized instruction** engages students in learning at the precise moment of readiness and with full attention to their learning style. Harborlight offers students a full complement of Montessori materials in each classroom along with extensive curriculum support materials. The high curriculum standards and unique hands-on materials lead students to make connections and understand complex concepts at an early age. Harborlight's academics are unmatched and guarantee your child's successful placement at the next level.

### 3. Character development

3. At Harborlight, children experience **personal growth and development** along with high academic achievement. Our character education program is interwoven throughout the curriculum. Recognizing the core values of the School, students take interest in literature that highlights historical figures illustrating qualities of good character. They also experience leadership in their classroom, school, and community through interactions in a multi-age classroom, community service, and student government.

### 4. Meaningful dimensional programs

4. Students are active in the arts through their curriculum studies and in specialized classes. In Harborlight's truly integrated curriculum the arts are not isolated from the other areas of study. Harborlight's full curriculum includes (art, music, drama, Spanish, physical fitness and education). These programs give meaning and dimension to the students' studies of history, literature, and science through art and music appreciation and exploration, drama productions of good literary works, and hands-on sciences that employ not only research and discovery but also visual presentation of results.

### 5. Quality of faculty & degree of caring

5. Caring, compassionate, respectful, and supportive- these words best describe the faculty at Harborlight, who employ the latest research and methodology with the highest of standards for positive outcomes. Harborlight faculty really care about each child and are

6. Harborlight children are **excited to come to school**--- they complain when school is closed and negotiate with their parents to come when they are sick. They are comfortable with their peer group, balance social and academic life with ease, and form real and lasting relationships with both friends and faculty.

7. The most successful way to learn about day-to-day life at the school is from the inside. With an open door policy, **parents get involved!** They participate in countless activities- Parents and grandparents listen to early readers, share a special talent, craft, or career with the children, and travel on class trips. Parent support and commitment to the School's mission has been essential to its development and expansion over the years.

8. For working parents, and those with busy schedules, the convenience of Harborlight's services is significant. **Before-and after school care and school vacation child care** with quality professional teachers assigned to the classrooms; tutoring in the **Academic Skills Center**; afternoon **athletics** for elementary students; and **private music lessons** are all offered at a low cost. **Spanish, music, drama, art, and physical education** are all available in the core curriculum with no added cost. This simplifies the child's extra-curricular schedule and allows for more family, friend and free time.

9. Students begin to voice their interests and ideas as they become more invested in their school. Harborlight responds to the students' interests with close attention. Our emerging **Sports Program** plays an increasingly important role as the elementary program responds to the demand for more athletics and interaction with other schools. The **Chess Club, Harborlight Scholars**, is popular and extremely successful.

10. Providing and maintaining quality programs leaves little room for cutting fiscal corners. Enrolling your child in an independent school is an investment in your child's future. Harborlight delivers quality academics in a secure environment with concern for each child's intellectual, physical, social and emotional growth and development. Each child's full potential is met while keeping tuition cost affordable and accessible to families.

### 6. Child enjoys school

### 7. Parent participation

### 8. Convenient services

### 9. Programs of interest to child's peer group

### 10. Worth the cost