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New York, New York

**Head of School**

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Founded in 1964 and located on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, Metropolitan Montessori School is a warm, welcoming place educating 195 young children ages 2.10 to 12 (pre-k through grade 6) in a community that reflects the diversity of its neighborhood as well as the City itself. In a flexible Montessori environment, a dynamic partnership of students, teachers and parents work together to help children grow to achieve their fullest potential.

Freedom with responsibility is central to the philosophy of the school. Each child develops a positive self-image, growing independence, and a multitude of competencies in a carefully organized, hands-on, creative environment that prepares children to be both independent and collaborative thinkers. The arts are central to the curriculum, and a rooftop garden with hydroponic greenhouse attests to the school's commitment to environmental stewardship. Exercise and play are also integral to a happy school experience.

A dedicated administrative team includes coordinators for the three divisions: the primary, grades pre-k through kindergarten; the lower elementary, grades 1-3; and the upper elementary, grades 4 - 6. In keeping with the philosophy of Maria Montessori, the lower divisions are multi-age while the upper provides a transition to the best independent schools in the metropolitan area. More than half the faculty of 29 full- and 6 part-time teachers hold advanced degrees as well as Montessori certification. Teachers receive an annual stipend toward professional development and Montessori training.

All family structures are embraced, and approximately forty students benefit from financial aid budgeted at 14% of tuition revenues. The parent body is devoted to the school and supports it with time and resources; volunteers administer the annual fund and host fundraising events. The school is in a healthy financial position with a balanced budget of \$5 million and a small endowment of \$1.5 million. The school owns the building but space is at a premium.

Candidates should send a letter of interest, current résumé, statement of educational philosophy, and names of five professional references to:

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Application deadline is September 1, 2010

*Metropolitan Montessori School is an equal opportunity employer.*