

Supplemental Material
Appendix A

Montessori Teacher Survey Questions (modified format)

1. Please indicate the type of setting where your school is located. (Select one)
Rural, Suburban, Urban
 2. Please indicate the total number of years you have been teaching Toddlers and/or Children's House (2 through 6 year-olds). (Select one)
0 – 2, 3 – 5, 6 – 8, + 8, + 15, + 25
 3. Please indicate the highest level of your education.
Training requirements met to teach in Montessori school, Associate's degree, Bachelor's degree, Master's degree, Doctoral degree.
 4. Please indicate the most common income level among your families. (Select one)
Low, Middle, High
 5. Please indicate the degree of diversity (can include special needs, cultural, ethnic, family configuration or religious diversity) among the families in your class. (Select one)
most of my families have the same background, a moderate number of my families have diverse backgrounds, many of the families in my class have diverse backgrounds
 6. Please briefly describe the diversity in your current classroom.
- Please rate (disagree, agree, no change) your views on the following statements to the best of your knowledge.*
7. Families are more stressed now than families were 5 years ago.
 8. Today's parents spend less quality time with their children now than parents did 5 years ago.
 9. Parents today are more informed about educational practices than were parents 5 years ago.
 10. Parents today are more involved with school events than were parents 5 years ago.
 11. Parents are more skilled in parenting now compared to 5 years ago.
 12. Overall, parents need more guidance from teachers now than did parents 5 years ago.

Please select strongly disagree, disagree, agree or strongly agree for the following two statements.

13. The Montessori approach to education helps families with raising their children (learning to behave appropriately, make friends, be respectful, be responsible, etc.)
14. The Montessori approach to education helps families with assisting their children's academic progress (beginning math and literacy concepts, social studies, science, art, etc).
15. Children's social skills are important for families I work with.
16. Children's academic achievement is important for families I work with.
17. Helping children develop respect for peers and adults is important to families I work with.
18. I am able to meet parents' needs comfortably.
19. I feel stressed about working with families.
20. Overall, I enjoy working with parents on behalf of their children.
21. Please describe how you think the Montessori approach helps families with raising their child and/or assisting with academic progress.
22. Please rank order the following list of family priorities for their young children. Click and drag items into place from first to seventh. Your number 1 item will be the one you believe families think is most important, your number 2 item will be second in importance and so on. Your number 7 item will be the item you believe families think is least important.
(If your browser does not support drag and drop, you will see a drop down with selections.)
 - Learning to behave appropriately
 - Making academic progress
 - Making friends
 - Learning to be kind
 - Making sure children have adequate materials (toys, clothing, food, housing, etc.)
 - Having opportunities to express individual creativity
 - Learning to be respectful
23. Please rank order the following list of family stressors. Click and drag items into place from first to fifth. Your number 1 item will be the one you believe is most stressful for families, your number 2 item will be the second most stressful, and so on. Your number 5 item will be the item you believe is the least stressful for families.

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- Economic challenges
- Academic performance expectations
- Behavioral expectations
- Not enough time
- Adjusting to a different culture and/or language
- Family challenges (for example, marital problems, extended family issues, etc.)

24. Do you believe Montessori education assists families in addressing stressors?

Yes, No

25. If so, please describe how Montessori helps families address stressors.

26. Please share any additional thoughts you have about collaborating with today's families.

I appreciate the time you have taken to complete this survey.

Appendix B

Family Survey Questions (modified format)

1. Please indicate the type of setting where your child's school is located. (select one)
Rural, Suburban, Urban
2. Please indicate the total number of years you have been a Montessori parent. (select one) 0 – 2, 3 – 5, 6 – 8, + 8, + 15, + 25
3. Please indicate the highest level of your education.
I have a high school, Associate's Bachelor's, Master's, Doctoral degree.
4. Please select your age group.
20 or younger, 21 – 30, 31 – 40, 41 – 50, 51 or over

Please think about families in general (rather than just your own family) as you consider the following seven statements. These statements request that you compare family and school/family issues now with how these issues affected families 5 years ago. If you were not raising children 5 years ago, please answer the question in the context of day-to-day life now. For example, "families are stressed", "spending quality time with children is an issue", "parents are informed about educational practices", etc. Please indicate if you disagree with, agree with, or feel there has been no change to the following statements.

5. Families are more stressed now than families were 5 years ago.
6. Today's parents spend less quality time with their children now than parents did 5 years ago.
7. Parents today are more informed about educational practices than were parents 5 years ago.
8. Parents today are more involved with school events than were parents 5 years ago.
9. Parents are more skilled in parenting now compared to 5 years ago.
10. Overall, parents need more guidance from teachers now than did parents 5 years ago.

Please select strongly disagree, disagree, agree or strongly agree for the following two statements.

11. The Montessori approach to education helps families with raising their children (learning to behave appropriately, make friends, be respectful, be responsible, etc.

12. The Montessori approach to education helps families with assisting their children's academic progress (beginning math and literacy concepts, social studies, science, art, etc.).
13. It's important for my child to develop strong social skills.
14. It's important for my child to develop strong academic concepts.
15. Helping children develop respect for peers and adults is important to me.
16. I feel stressed about working with my child's teacher.
17. Overall, I enjoy collaborating with my child's teacher to help him/her learn and grow.
18. Please describe how you think the Montessori approach helps families with raising their child and/or assisting with academic progress.
19. Please describe how the Montessori approach either helps or does not help you develop a partnership with your child's teacher.
20. Please rank order the following list of priorities for your child. Click and drag items into place from first to seventh. Your number 1 item will be the one you believe is most important, your number 2 item will be second in importance and so on. Your number 7 item will be the item you believe is least important.
(If your browser does not support drag and drop, you will see a drop down with selections.)
 - Learning to behave appropriately
 - Making academic progress
 - Making friends
 - Learning to be kind
 - Making sure my child has adequate materials (toys, clothing, food, housing, etc.)
 - Having opportunities to express individual creativity
 - Learning to be respectful
21. Please rank order the following list of family stressors. Click and drag items into place from first to fifth. Your number 1 item will be the one you believe is most stressful, your number 2 item will be the second most stressful, and so on. Your number 5 item will be the item you believe is the least stressful.
(If your browser does not support drag and drop, you will see a drop down with selections.)
 - Economic challenges
 - Academic performance expectations
 - Behavioral expectations
 - Not enough time
 - Adjusting to a different culture and/or language
 - Family challenges (for example, marital problems, extended family issues, etc.)

22. Do you believe Montessori education assists families in addressing stressors?
Yes, No

23. If so, please describe how Montessori helps families address stressors.

I appreciate the time you have taken to complete this survey.