# 5 ADVANTAGES

## of Montessori Adolescent Program

### 1 HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT

Earn up to 4 high school credits while in middle school. We offer Algebra 1, Spanish, CTE and ELA 1.

### 2 SERVICE LEARNING

Through service, students learn the value of hard work, are exposed to lives and cultures different from their own, and develop a sense of empathy.

### 3 TIME MANAGEMENT

Managing time helps adolescents increases productivity/efficiency, gives them a sense of fulfillment, relieves stress, improves self discipline, and improves ability to make decisions.

### 4 MULTI-LEVELS

The entire community benefits in multi level learning as it mimics the real world. Older students find pride as role models; younger ones feel supported and gain confidence to face upcoming challenges. All children develop independence as they problem solve with their peers within their classroom community.

### 5 SELF DISCOVERY

Personal reflection time is a serious form of self-discipline, free from all distractions where students develop a sense of identity. Intentionally spending time reflecting on goals, reducing stress, and creating and personal vision and develop a growth mindset.

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## Who Am I?

### 3rd Plane of Development

- Idealism
- Need to discover their intended vocations, abstract learning
- Great change and relative instability
- Puberty
- Rapid physical and emotional changes
- Emotional and sensitive
- Need nurturing environment
- Need for respect
- Decrease in intellectual capacity

### Social Emotional Learning

Community Meetings
Socratic Seminars
Restorative Conversations

### Academics

Cycle Guides
Work Plans
One on One Student/Teachers Conferences
Student-Led Conferences
Mixed Grade Levels

### Leadership/Service Learning

Reading Partners
Recycling
Low Country Foodbank