MOUNT TAMALPAIS SCHOOL · COMMUNITY VALUES

Our Values, In Their Words

Learning is revered, and education is joyful.

Five values guide life at MTS. The norms beneath each one were written by our students, in their own words.

01

Lead with Kindness

We keep an open mind and embrace our changing world with an open heart. In all that we do, in every way that we grow, we lead with kindness.

- To be kind
- Be kind
- Agree to be kind
- Respect others and yourself
- Respect classroom spaces and materials
- Respect spaces and belongings
- Care for others
- Care for spaces you use
- Use kind words
- Ask before borrowing
- Follow directions
- Have good manners
- Be respectful of everyone + everything
- Treat others how they want to be treated
- One voice

02

Honor Childhood

Childhood is not a renewable resource; it is a brief and valuable time of limitless potential and essential development. It should not be rushed. MTS students are well-prepared for their future while remaining young at heart.

- Have fun!
- Be respectful of everyone
- Use school-appropriate language

03

Practice Active Inclusion

Everyone is welcome at Mount Tamalpais School. It's not enough to simply accept everyone who joins our community. We practice active inclusion until it becomes instinctive.

- Be a good friend to everyone
- Be a good team player
- Don't gender segregate
- Everyone is equal
- One voice
- Respect
- Be welcoming
- Listen to everyone

04

Celebrate the Journey

Because learning is so valued, we find joy and satisfaction in the pursuit of knowledge. We welcome the successes and challenges that come with being a student.

- Be safe with our bodies and follow the group plan
- Be flexible and go with the flow
- Participate
- Try your best
- Work hard
- Be present
- Mistakes are OK

05

Ask “What’s Possible?”

We want our students to be prepared to solve the challenges of their changing world. We encourage them to dream big, push boundaries, and think outside the box, and we give them lots of opportunities to practice these skills and habits.

- Work as hard as you can
- Positive Mental Attitude (PMA)
- Try your best