

Fairview Montessori School
Toilet Training Policy

Children enrolled in FMS must be toilet trained and wearing cloth underwear before attending. A child wearing pull-ups or having accidents daily would not be considered toilet trained.

Why do children have to be toilet trained before they begin in our mixed-age environment?

- Independence in the bathroom is one indicator of success in an environment that values and promotes self-sufficiency.
- There are strict standards for changing and disposing of wet or soiled diapers/pull ups and our classrooms are not equipped or licensed for this.
- When an adult is busy changing a child's soiled clothing, it removes one adult from the direct supervision of the rest of the class and jeopardizes ratios.

A toilet trained child is a child who can:

- Communicate to the teachers the need to go to the restroom
- Stop what he/she is doing to go and use the bathroom
- Pull down his/her clothes and get them back up without assistance
- Get on/off the toilet by him/herself
- Wipe him/herself after using the toilet (with minimal assistance for 3 year olds)
- Wash and dry hands
- Postpone going to the toilet if someone else is in the bathroom
- Wake up during nap time should they need to use the bathroom—3 year olds who require pull-ups during naps will be expected to change into and out of their pull-ups. Please send a personal supply to school each week.

We certainly will ask your child many times throughout the day and before nap time if they need to use the bathroom. A teacher will assist children as needed, but children should be able to complete toileting activities independently.

We do understand that even toilet trained children will occasionally have accidents and can experience setbacks in a new environment. By definition, "accidents" are unusual incidents and should happen infrequently. In these instances, the teachers will help children to change their clothes, encouraging independence as much as possible. Therefore, please have your child dressed in clothing that he/she can manage easily and independently, and keep a change of clothes at school at all times. You will be notified if your child has a toileting accident and soiled clothing will be sent home.

A child will NOT be considered toilet trained for our Montessori primary program if the child continues to consistently have toileting accidents after the first 4 weeks of school.

After the first 4 weeks of school, the following policies will be in place for children who have toileting accidents. Tuition will not be prorated for absences.

- If one or two accidents occur in one week, the parents will be notified with the understanding that the issue needs to be addressed and corrected.
- If three or more accidents occur in one week, the parent will be notified with the understanding that if the issue is not corrected by the end of the second week the child will have to stay home at least one week or longer until he/she is completely toilet trained.
- If multiple accidents occur in one day, the parent will be notified on that day; and if not corrected that week, the child will have to stay home at least one week or longer until he/she is completely toilet trained.
- If your child is not toilet trained, you may opt to keep your child home until independence in the bathroom is achieved. Tuition is due as usual if you want to keep your child's spot.

This policy is not intended to inconvenience caregivers and parents. Attending to children who have toileting accidents in the school setting is time consuming and takes a teacher out of the environment, preventing her from supervising the other children and implementing the curriculum. With consistent expectations and practice at home before attending FMS, your child's time in the Montessori environment will be successful. If you feel this policy is too restrictive, FMS may not be the right fit.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

PLEASE SIGN AND DATE BELOW INDICATING THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED & REVIEWED OUR TOILET TRAINING POLICY. RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR ENROLLMENT PAPERWORK.

I HAVE RECEIVED AND REVIEWED FAIRVIEW MONTESSORI'S TOILET TRAINING POLICY:

CHILD'S NAME: _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____