

## **Parent Agreement**

While enrollment is open to all applicants, the River Valley Charter School expects parents to understand the school's educational philosophy and methods and commit to work with the school to support its mission. The material in the application packet is designed to help you decide whether the child-centered, interdisciplinary, non-competitive approach of the Montessori method is suited to your child's learning style and whether the school will promote your child's personal development and academic achievement.

1. Did you read the RVCS *Excerpts from the Charter Contract*? **Y N**
2. Did you take part in an information session? **Y N**
3. Do you feel you understand the school's mission and educational philosophy? **Y N**

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

(If you have questions, please feel free to contact the office for any additional information.)

4. Did you observe a classroom? **Y N**  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Classroom: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Did you have a meeting with the Director or Assistant Director (circle one)? **Y N**  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Why do you think that the River Valley program will be a good one for your child(ren)?  
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Please indicate by signing below that you understand the following about River Valley Charter School:

1. The educational program is based on the Montessori method and philosophy.
2. Each family is expected to volunteer at the school 40 hours per school Year and contribute to the RVCS Annual Fund.
3. Students are given standardized tests when they start at RVCS to establish baseline performance, and then yearly to measure progress.
4. Students will be selected by lottery. Preference will be given only to Siblings and residents of Amesbury, Newbury, Newburyport, Salisbury and West Newbury.

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*Signature*

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*Print name and phone number*

**Please return this completed Parent Agreement along with the application to the River Valley Charter School, 2 Perry Way, Newburyport, MA 01950.**