

MUS Instructional Toolkit

What We Honor and Believe about Children and Education

General Philosophies

- ▶ We believe our entire staff is responsible for upholding the highest expectations for themselves and others.
- ▶ We believe mistakes are valued and growth happens through productive struggle.



Academic Beliefs

- ▶ We guide student learning through asking thoughtful questions, rather than giving answers or telling them what to do.
- ▶ We make students' thinking visible by frequently asking them for evidence with questions like: "*What makes you say that?*"

Character Beliefs

- ▶ We believe kindness, respect, and integrity should be mutually demonstrated by all children and adults.
- ▶ We believe conflict is best resolved through dialogue and restorative practices.

