



## Intent to Submit a Charter School Application (for School Opening 2026)

Proposed Charter School Name: Midcoast Montessori School (to be confirmed)

Proposed School Location: Between Thomaston/Rockland and Rockport/Camden

Proposed Grade Levels: Pre-k to third grade to start (expand to upper elementary)

Target Population: Diverse, inclusive population of coastal/rural children and families

Anticipated First Year Enrollment and Projected Targeted Enrollment: 75-150 students

Contact Person: Rachel Nixon

Relationship to Applicant Entity: Head of School

Name of Applicant Organization: Children's House Montessori School

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School Program Design (150 words or less): *Include a brief description including any anticipated contracts with an Education Service Provider (ESP).*

Midcoast Montessori School cultivates curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking in young learners, while nurturing a sense of care for each other, the environment, and the world. Guided by Maria Montessori's pioneering philosophy, MMS inspires a lifelong love of learning in children ages 4 to 10 years. We provide carefully designed, multi-age classrooms and nature-based opportunities where children master skills at their own pace and grow toward independence in a cooperative environment.

Our primary programs (ages 4-5 years) promotes independence and concentration, as well as friendship and group skills. Curricular areas include Practical Life, Sensorial, Language, Math, Geography and Cultural studies, Science and the Arts. Our elementary program integrates a multi-faceted curriculum including Biology, Botany, Geography, Geology, Music, Art, Math, Language, and Geometry. Through collaborative problem solving, children develop empathy, respect for differences, and responsibility.

In all that we do, we honor the values of respect, inclusion, community, and sustainability.

This indicates our intention to submit an application in response to the RFP issued by the Maine Charter School Commission. I understand this document is not part of the application, but that I must provide this document to the Commission within 15 days of the issue of the RFP if I wish to submit an application.

Signature: *Rachel Nixon*

Date: 7/9/24

If different than Contact Person, please print name: \_\_\_\_\_