

Cooperative Team Agreement between
*Montessori Academy of Peace and Dennis Lab, Hope Academy, Johns Hill,
American Dreamer STEM Academy*

Introduction

This agreement is made by and between the Board of Education (DPS 61) of *Montessori Academy of Peace (Host School) and Dennis Lab, Hope Academy, Johns Hill, American Dreamer STEM Academy*.

The purpose of this agreement is to expand equal athletic opportunities in the area of Softball for *Montessori Academy of Peace (Host School) and Dennis Lab, Hope Academy, Johns Hill, American Dreamer STEM Academy*.

Montessori Academy of Peace (Host School) and Dennis Lab, Hope Academy, Johns Hill, American Dreamer STEM Academy will split any associated cost and responsibilities evenly across the 5 schools.

This agreement will be for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years, upon approval of the IESA. This program will be renewable by mutual agreement between the DPS 61 Board of Education and the Illinois Elementary School Association.

Notice of non-renewal of this contract will be given by 3-1-22.

Transportation

DPS 61 will be responsible for arranging transportation for their students to practice sessions and home games.

Squad and Mascot

The squad shall be known as Montessori Academy of Peace and shall operate with *Black & Gold* uniform colors. The mascot will be the *Bees*.

Equipment/Games

Montessori Academy of Peace will furnish equipment, uniforms and a coach for all participants.

All home games will be played at one DPS 61 School District location (Hope Academy). The DPS 61 School District shall be responsible for employment of coaching staff.

Supervision

The DPS 61 School District will be responsible for supervision for home games on their grounds. All discipline problems will be the responsibility of the DPS 61 School District.

Liability

Liability for all students utilizing transportation shall be with the Decatur Public School District.

Premise liability shall be borne by the Decatur Public School District.

Eligibility

The administration (or designee) at each building will be responsible for checking eligibility of participants. The schools will follow the IESA guidelines.

Insurance/Physical

All participants will be required to have proof of insurance and a current physical on file with their home district. It is the responsibility of the home district administrators or (designee) to make sure these items are on file before participant starts practicing.

Parents

Montessori Academy of Peace operates a shared concession stand with assistance from Dennis, Hope, Johns Hill, American Dreamer schools and has an approved fundraiser by the district for games exclusive of the IESA state series. Parents of student athletes will be asked to work in the concession stand and the players may be asked to participate in the fundraiser. The proceeds directly benefit the softball program.

Awards

Athletes shall be awarded recognition representing their home school and provided by the home school.

All team trophies acquired by the cooperative team will be the property of *Montessori Academy of Peace* and a duplicate trophy may be purchased for *Dennis Lab, Hope Academy, Johns Hill, American Dreamer STEM Academy*.

This agreement between has had Board approval and is signed by the administrator of each school.

School	Board President Signature	Administrator Signature
Montessori Academy of Peace	_____	_____
Dennis Lab	_____	_____
Hope Academy	_____	_____
Johns Hill	_____	_____
American Dreamer STEM Academy	_____	_____