



Guiding Principles articulate a school's vision, values, hopes and ideals to the design team. Guiding Principles will be used to "test" the decisions that are made throughout the design process, since every element of the building must be created to support the school's vision and values.

## Guiding Principles: Wilson Montessori School

**Honor the Montessori Curriculum-** The Montessori curriculum is essential to the form and function of the campus. At Wilson Montessori we honor the creativity and individual learning style of students and allow each student to follow his/her own work plan.

**Relevant and Adaptable Spaces-** The new facility will have spaces that can be used for multiple purposes, are connected fluidly, can be optimized as a learning opportunity and can be adapted to the needs of its various residents: human, plant or animal.

**Spaces Usable by the Wilson Community-** User groups of different sizes and natures (whether it be students, parents or community groups) will be able to work both independently and collaboratively on the campus.

**Safety and Well-Being-** Within and without, the campus of Wilson Montessori will provide physical safety, creating a sense of security and well-being, allowing facilitators and learners to embrace education as part of a lifetime process.

**Technology and Evolving Educational Tools-** Wilson will allow Montessori education to evolve so that our students can acquire the necessary skills to excel in the 21st century and beyond.

**Maintain Historic Character-** Wilson's new facility will maintain the historic character of its existing facility, while providing modern and safe Montessori education within a student-centric, community-aware environment. The design solution will complement the current facility's historic context.