



Join us

Over the last few months, we have formed an advisory committee to bring high-quality Montessori schools to northern Michigan. We are a group of enthusiastic community members seeking to create the conditions to open Wildflower schools. We are looking for teachers to partner with.

To learn more about Wildflower schools and an invitation for teachers interested in a partnership, see below...

Who We Are

The Michigan Wildflower Hub Advisory group is made up of parents, teachers, and other community professionals who are dedicated to growing high-quality early childhood education opportunities in Northern Michigan.

As part of our work, we are launching a feasibility study to determine whether the Wildflower Model is a good fit for our community.

We are an organization that provides tools and support to create beautiful, child-centered learning environments that support children, teachers, and families from diverse backgrounds as they follow life's unfolding journeys. The model combines time-tested, research-supported Montessori methods in one-room, neighborhood-nested shop fronts with promising new ideas in parent engagement, intentional student diversity, teacher empowerment, and data-driven instruction. Wildflower aspires to give all children and families the opportunity to have access to high quality, nurturing, and inclusive learning environments.

Our Schools

Wildflower Schools are a decentralized network of micro-schools that serve racially and socioeconomically diverse communities with an exceptional Montessori education. Each Wildflower school is unique and led by the teachers who bring their training and life experiences, along with a deep commitment to meeting the specific needs of their children and families. Embedded in this rich diversity of experiences and perspectives are [Wildflower's Nine Principles](#) that unite our schools.

What You Bring

- **A deep commitment to authentic Montessori** - You are an effective facilitator of children's learning, and extend the values of Montessori to the families within your school community. You have completed an AMI, AMS or other MACTE accredited training program or are interested in enrolling in a training program.
- **Entrepreneurial leadership** - You are flexible, open-minded, see opportunity in obstacles, and are energized by using creativity and resourcefulness to anticipate challenges and create solutions to problems.
- **Commitment to serving diverse communities** - You are eager to increase access to Montessori to racially and socioeconomically diverse communities and are deeply committed to equity.
- **Generosity of spirit** - You build authentic relationships in diverse settings, practice gratitude, and lead with love. You seek advice openly and are comfortable working in a non-hierarchical organization.
- **Willingness to work hard** - You have the aptitude, stamina, time, and appetite to raise yourself to the challenge of starting and leading your own school. You will not be alone, but you will be busy.
- **A desire to learn and grow** - You are ready and eager to stretch beyond your current experience, to develop new skills and expertise and to more deeply explore your purpose and potential.

What You Will Do

- Learn about Wildflower, develop plans, and bring your school to life through our supported School Startup Journey.
- With the financial and operational support of the local and national Wildflower teams, find and prepare a school site - this generally involves identifying, leasing and renovating shop front space.
- Design and create a prepared Montessori environment in alignment with your vision and the local regulations in Northern Michigan.
- Actively market your school to recruit and enroll a racially and socioeconomically diverse mix of children and families.
- Collaborate with 1-2 other teacher-leaders to develop a vision for an authentic Montessori school to serve the diversity of the local community.

Learn More

If you would like to explore opening a Wildflower School in Michigan, please fill out this Google Form ([link here](#)). We are excited to connect with you!

Email jen@schoolwardconsulting.com with any questions.