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INTRODUCTION

Sandy Hill Nursery School is a non-profit, non-discriminatory organization that was founded in 1966 by parents. Though the school has continued to change throughout the years, it has maintained a philosophy based on a holistic, child-centered approach to education. The school is incorporated by the State of California and licensed by the Department of Social Services. Sandy Hill is a cooperative* or parent participation nursery school, managed by a board of directors who are elected by and from the parent body.

Sandy Hill leases its facilities from the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of San Dieguito. The school is not affiliated with that organization, but the two have enjoyed a mutually beneficial friendship over the years.

THE COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL

Being a member of a co-op is unlike being a member of any other kind of school. The membership is made up of families rather than of children. It is this community of families that is the primary resource of the school. We are a community of adults committed to providing our children with a warm, happy, playful, and positive first schooling experience. The rewards of being there to watch your child grow in such an environment are innumerable.

A cooperative nursery school requires that you, as a parent, participate fully in your child's preschool experience. Our parents assume the many responsibilities for the functioning of the school. All parents assist in our school by holding a board position or by serving on a committee. The successful operation of a cooperative school is solely dependent upon our membership. The active cooperation of every member is essential.

Our school is a growing and changing organization. New ideas are advanced, while some old policies persist, and others are updated. The continued validity of the preschool experience offered at Sandy Hill depends on the commitment of its parents to the ongoing process of evaluation and improvement. You, as a participating parent, help in shaping the program that influences the development and wellbeing of your child.

*The term "co-operative" or "co-op" as used here and throughout this handbook does not in any way describe the legal or financial structure of Sandy Hill. Sandy Hill is not a "cooperative" in the technical sense, but rather as a not-for-profit corporation as defined by section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

