

**CMSTEP Synthesis Paper for Final Exam for AMS Credential
SELF ASSESSMENT (please attach to your final paper)**

NAME _____

Date _____

IN ONE PAGE FOR EACH DIAMOND clearly address your understanding of:

- ◆ What is your understanding of Cosmic Education after reading a variety of sources and having multiple discussions? What is the role of Cosmic Education in the development of the adolescent?
- ◆ The important components Montessori elementary students have received in their Montessori education before coming to an adolescent program AND the specific lessons and materials from the upper elementary classroom that you plan to refer to when you write your curriculum
- ◆ Which of the key elements of a Montessori adolescent program do you demonstrate skill and which need further development (refer to “Observing the Montessori Secondary Classroom” and “Checklist of Essential Montessori Practices”)
- ◆ Outline a plan for further development
- ◆ By this time you have implemented the coursework you designed. Reference the strengths and weaknesses of the two specific cycles of study and one field study you have created and submitted to the CMStep web site.
- ◆ In what ways have the CMStep courses supported you and what recommendations do you have for the training course in the future? What workshops or retreats would you like to see held by CMStep?
- ◆ What will you carry forward from this training – What inspired you? What surprised you? What moved you?

Reference the following readings and resources:

- (1) A New Earth
- (2) Hidden Heart of the Cosmos
- (3) Montessori Today
- (4) Montessori: A Modern Approach
- (5) 4 Planes of Development
- (6) From Childhood to Adolescence
- (7) The Optimistic Child
- (8) Book on Adolescent Development
- (9) Soul of Education
- (10) Nurturing the Spirit
- (11) Punished by Rewards
- (12) Flow and Education
- (13) Leading From Within
- (14) Montessori Vision of Adolescence
- (15) Video – The Art of Leadership
- (16) Video – Montessori Middle School
- (17) Montessori lecture
- (18) Montessori Biography
- (19) Pedagogy readings
- (20) Erdkinder readings
- (21) CD and S&O readings
- (22) Beyond Differentiated Instruction
- (23) Teaching with Love and Logic

Title each of the 7 pages. 1.5 line spacing, use references (see list). Use accurate grammar, spelling and punctuation, etc.

A
Your exam reflects your clearly articulated evidence of understanding of MONTESSORI METHODOLOGY (with reference to readings and coursework) and discusses how that METHODOLOGY specifically shows up in your curriculum design and classroom practices. Each of the seven diamond points (above) is well addressed.

B
Your exam reflects a good amount of evidence of understanding of MONTESSORI METHODOLOGY (with reference to readings and coursework) and discusses how that METHODOLOGY specifically shows up in your curriculum design and classroom practices. Each of the seven diamond points (above) is addressed.

C
Your exam reflects some evidence of understanding of MONTESSORI METHODOLOGY (with reference to readings and coursework) and discusses how that METHODOLOGY shows up in your curriculum design and classroom practices.

D
Your exam reflects an inadequate level of evidence of understanding of MONTESSORI METHODOLOGY (with reference to readings and coursework) and discusses how that METHODOLOGY shows up in your curriculum design and classroom practices.

F
Your exam does not indicate evidence of understanding of MONTESSORI METHODOLOGY (with reference to readings and coursework) and does not satisfy a discussion regarding how that METHODOLOGY shows up in your curriculum design and classroom practices.

Adult Learner Assessment with Rationale Comments (required) CMStep Director Assessment

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