

MSO AUCTION RULES

General Auction Rules

1. All bids are binding. Everything will be sold as is. All sales are final and there will be no exchange of refunds on items. Read specifications and limitations carefully. You win what is described on the bid sheets. Please do not ask the donor to change the terms of service after the auction.
2. All auction items must be paid in full by check, cash or credit card on the night of the auction. It is the winning bidder's responsibility to contact the donor or arrange for delivery. Items must be collected within twelve months, unless otherwise noted. The Montessori School of Oakton will not act as a broker between donor and purchaser.
3. Values indicated for some items being auctioned are estimates only and are not certified by the Montessori School of Oakton.
4. All sales are considered transactions between the purchaser and the donor. The Montessori School of Oakton makes no warranties, express or implied, nor shall the Montessori School of Oakton be liable for any injuries or direct or indirect damages, which may be incurred. When purchasing an item, the buyer waives any claims for liability against Montessori School of Oakton or the donor of the property or service.
5. When an item is on display, the buyer receives a certificate for the promised gift or service.
6. All auction items should be removed from the auction site on the evening of the auction.
7. Everyone will have an individual bidder number. Check out and payment for Silent and Live Auction items will be done when the bidding closes. See the Cashier.
8. Some individual donations have been grouped together in packages for sales purposes at the Auction. There has been no coordination to determine whether or not grouped items can be used together. Each donation is an individual donation that must be used in accordance with its own restrictions, limitations and expiration dates.

Silent Auction Rules

1. Check the auctions tables for items in the Silent Auction. Read item descriptions carefully, noting all restrictions. To place a bid, clearly print your Bid Number, telephone number and bid amount on the bid sheet.
2. The minimum bid is indicated on the bid sheet. Each subsequent bid must exceed the previous bid by the stated bid increment amount. Bids not meeting this requirement will be disqualified. The value on the bid sheet has been entered for your convenience.
3. Submitted bids cannot be retracted.
4. The Auction committee reserves the right to move silent auction items to the live auction.
5. The Auction Committee reserves the right to retract items listed in the catalog from the auction before the day of the event.
6. If you have a bid on an item and think you are a winner, please check with the Auction Cashier. Cash, check or credit cards (MasterCard or Visa) are accepted. For payment by check, make your check to: The Montessori School of Oakton. Please be sure to pick up your item from the silent auction area prior to leaving.

Live Auction Rules

1. Each item will be announced. The auctioneer will ask for opening bids. To bid, raise your bidder number located on the back of your program in the direction of the Auctioneer. Don't be shy! Once the Auctioneer declares an item sold, it is SOLD. So please pay close attention as the bidding progresses.
2. The highest bidder acknowledged by the Auctioneer shall be the purchaser. In the event of a dispute between bidders, the Auctioneer shall have the sole and final discretion to determine the successful bidder, or to re-offer the item in dispute.
3. If the Auctioneer determines that an opening bid is not commensurate with the value of an item offered or if bidding does not reach the stated reserve price, he might reject the bid and withdraw the item for sale.